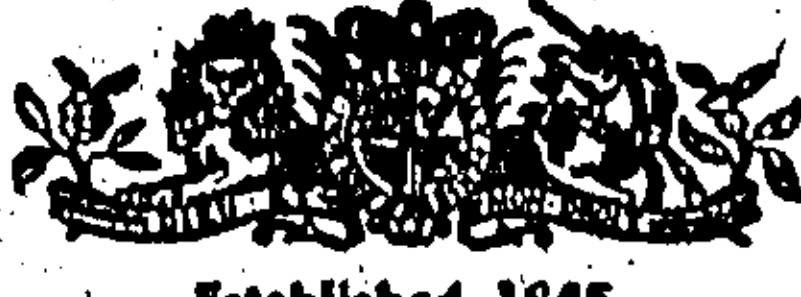


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Comment Of The Day

China's Go-Slow

THERE is a danger in reading into the massive 15,000-word resolution of the central executive committee of the Chinese Communist Party a sweeping repudiation of Mao Tse-tung. Undoubtedly his relentless drive to usher in the communes has met with a temporary setback, but there is no reason to suppose that in making this decision the party has done other than adopt a policy that Mao himself has approved.

In 1955, Mao admitted that the "great task of collectivization is bound to go too far at times." These excesses, he said, would be corrected. This is what has happened. But the resolution also shows that a powerful, moderate section of the party has taken advantage of the occasion to berate the extremist leadership.

Discontent

THIS discontent within the party has been apparent for some time. Smarting under the stinging denunciation of Mao, who in 1955 compared party leaders then guiding policy to "old-fashioned women hobbling along on bound feet," the gradualists have consented grudgingly to move faster and drive harder. The results have alarmed them. The nationwide criticism which emerged from the "One Hundred Flowers" campaign was a clear vindication of their policy.

A second wave of alarm came with Mao Tse-tung's decision to risk war with America over Quemoy. Not only did China sacrifice much popularity in Southeast Asia, but argued the conservatives, the consequences of a single act of folly could have involved the destruction of China's entire industrial achievement since the 1911 revolution. And Mao's contemptuous dismissal of the Americans as "paper tigers" was not accepted with widespread enthusiasm. The commune trouble comes as a further vindication of the gradualists' theory, though it would be wrong to suggest that the present ascendancy of the go-slow advocates is more than temporary and since Mao predicted the difficulties that have since happened, his reputation as leader has not been tarnished.

The Party

THERE is in this complex situation another factor which deserves consideration. This is the party dictatorship of the Government machine which has been growing more and more oppressive. The dissatisfaction this has caused may have been an added inducement for Mao to resign the chairmanship of the republic. The way is open now for the appointment of a new Chairman — Chou En-lai perhaps — which will signify greater independence for the government.

As we said last week, Mao has removed himself from office mounting criticism but in order to make his position more secure. For he has vacated not the most important but the most vulnerable of his many positions without surrendering any of his real authority. He opens the way for a puppet and possibly a scapegoat. What his resignation really amounts to is this: once the actual driver, he now becomes the passenger driver.

ROBBERS ENTER RESIDENCE UNDER DELIVERY PRETEXT WILLIAM S. T. LOUEY SHOT

Condition Not Serious

Mr William S. T. Louey, General Manager of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, Ltd., was shot and injured in an armed robbery which took place at his residence, No 81, Waterloo Road, Kowloon, this morning.

He was admitted to Kowloon Hospital with a bullet wound in the right side of the abdomen. His condition was not serious. It about 10.30 a.m., three men, two of whom were armed with revolvers and the other with a dagger, entered Mr Louey's residence under the pretext of delivering a gift parcel.

In the garden on their way to the house, the men were met by Mr Louey and his son. One of the robbers suddenly produced a gun and pointed it at Mr Louey. Mr Louey's son, Ronald, saw the assailant grasping with his father and rushed to his aid.

During the struggle, the gun went off, and Mr Louey was wounded. The men then made their escape, leaving a revolver at the scene.

It is thought that about seven shots were fired and possibly one of the robbers might have been injured during the struggle.



WILLIAM LOUEY

Thousands See Stunt Man Die

Manillas, Dec. 21. Several thousand spectators lining the waterfront looked on with horror today as M. Roger Froidevaux, a Swiss stunt man and high-diver, plunged to his death in the harbour from a helicopter hovering 164 feet overhead.

M. Froidevaux fell shortly before he planned to dive into the water, in an attempt to raise his own high-diver record of 144 feet to 164 feet. Dangling from a trapeze slung outside the helicopter, and performing exercises, he appeared to lose control. Turning like a falling leaf, he struck the water on his back and was dead when rescued and brought ashore. — Reuter.

Pope John Gets Votes

Paris, Dec. 21. Pope John XXIII and Prince Otto of Hapsburg received several votes today when French grand electors went to the polls to elect the new French President. The votes, believed to have been cast for symbolic purposes, were declared invalid, none of those named having been presented as candidates. — France-Press.

EAST BERLIN YOUTHS CAUSE RIOT



Here Elvis Presley, sporting a new stripe cleans his boots at the Army training area in West Germany where he is stationed. — U.P.I. Radiotelephoto.

Communists Blame It On Presley Influence

Berlin, Dec. 21. The Communists blamed the influence of Elvis Presley today for a riot in which Soviet zone youths threatened to kill an East German soldier in Halle.

The official Halle Communist newspaper, Freiheit said the riot occurred on Tuesday and 100 Communist People's policemen had to be called out to clear the area.

The newspaper said the police, investigating the homes of one of the ringleaders, discovered he had been to West Berlin and had brought back Presley rock 'n' roll records.

Autograph

The Communist paper said the unidentified youth even "possessed a photograph" of Presley, now a private First Class in the U.S. Army stationed in Germany, complete with the rock 'n' roll singer's autograph.

According to the newspaper, the rioting broke out after a number of Halle youths "provoked" an East German Army private who then summoned other soldiers to come and help him. More youths gathered at the scene when the soldier resisted the youths, Freiheit said.

"Kill Him"

It added that some "ring-leaders" in the crowd tried to turn the attack into a first class riot and called on the youths to kill the private.

The police then were summoned and cleared the rioters out, arresting an undisclosed number of youths, the East German paper said.

It said 15 of those arrested were turned over to their parents and the parents had been lectured on their family responsibility but an undisclosed number of the youths were still in custody, the newspaper said. — U.P.I.

U.S. Airlines Paralysed

New York, Dec. 21. Two of America's biggest airlines remained paralysed by strikes today as railroads, bus lines and other airlines expanded their services to cope with the flood of Christmas reservations.

Pilots of American Airlines walked off the job yesterday morning over dispute on pay and working conditions. Eastern Airlines have been grounded since November 24 by a strike of mechanics and flight engineers.

The two strikes have left 30,000 airline employees out of work. No bargaining sessions were arranged over the weekend and prospects for settlement before Christmas appeared dim. — Reuter.

HER FIRST

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Escape Artist Missing From Scottish Prison

Aberdeen, Dec. 21. Police theorised today that escape artist Johnny Ramensky may have met death in a labyrinth of sewer pipes underneath the Peterhead Prison.

Ramensky, also known as Ramsey, escaped from the prison last Wednesday without leaving a clue and prison authorities were unable to show that he was actually outside the walls.

Officials said Ramensky, 53, may have met his end in an air vent or more likely in the maze of sewer pipes beneath the prison.

STARTED AT 13 The convict, who began his life of crime when he was 13, vanished during a three-minute stretch while being escorted along with a group of other prisoners from an exercise hall to the tailor's workshop.

Ramensky's escape was his fifth from the Peterhead Prison and his third this year. He is serving a 10-year sentence for stealing £118. He has been in prison for 31 years of his life.

His first escape took place from Peterhead in 1934 when his first wife was dying.

Ramensky's life record reads like a sensational crime thriller. During the war he gained fame as a commando on the basis of his expert touch as a safe cracker.

Parachuted into Rome during the war, he blew up a Nazi safe and retreated safely with valuable plans. A similar exploit took place in Germany with Marshal Hermann Goerring's safe. — U.P.I.

Queen Attends Windsor Party

Windsor, Dec. 20. The Queen last night attended a Christmas staff party at Windsor Castle.

More than 500 guests thronged the Castle's Waterloo Chamber, which was decorated with holly and evergreens from Windsor forest. — China Mail Special.

Children Die

Kaukauna, Wis., Dec. 21. Six children died today when they were trapped inside their flaming home while their parents were at church.

Five of the children huddled in a bathroom at the foot of a stairway and were suffocated. The body of the other child who died of burns, was found at the foot of the stairs. — Reuter.

Jayne Mansfield Has A Baby Boy

Santa Monica, Cal., Dec. 21. BLONDE Jayne Mansfield gave birth to a 9-pound 9½ ounce boy today at St John's Hospital 15 minutes after she was wheeled into the delivery room.

Birth of the actress's second child came after nine hours after Mickey Hargitay packed his wife in the family Cadillac and rushed her to hospital.

For the last 12 days, Hargitay said, he had stood by expecting the birth at any time. The child, named Miklos Palmer or Miklos Jeffrey, was due on the ninth of the month.

"This is rough on the nerves," the former Mr Universe said, but he was completely jubilant at the hospital over the birth of a boy.

"Like any father, I always wanted a boy," Mickey enthused. "I was positive it would be a boy but still it was a surprise."

A spokesman for the actress said Miss Mansfield "felt wonderful" and probably would be home for Christmas to visit with relatives.

This was Miss Mansfield's second child. Her daughter,

Jayne Marie, was born on November 6, 1950, of the actress's marriage to public relations man, Paul Mansfield.

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Ingrid and husband No. 3—Lars Schmidt

Ingrid Bergman Has Hush-Hush Marriage

London, Dec. 21. Ingrid Bergman and her Swedish impresario fiance Lars Schmidt, were married at a hush-hush register office wedding here today, toasted each other in champagne and then flew to Paris before the news leaked out.

One month later the public prosecutor announced his intention to appeal.

Two days ago an appeals judge postponed the hearing until February 3 after lawyers from both sides consulted on procedural questions.

In Rome, a legal source said that pending completion of the whole process of law Miss Bergman and Rossellini were still not free to re-marry and the local authorities were instructed to withhold issue of any document certifying that both were free of matrimonial links. — Reuter and U.P.I.

SLIPPED OUT After the ceremony they slipped out of a side door and drove separately to the Swedish church in London to receive the benediction and blessing. Next stop was a West End hotel for a quiet champagne celebration with their friends who attended the ceremony.

Then the couple motored to London airport. Both dodged reporters' questions about their marriage plans. But soon after arriving in Paris the news was broken by the Granada (commercial) Television Company, whose chairman Mr Sidney I. Bernstein was one of three witnesses.

The couple, who were married by the Superintendent Registrar at Caxton Hall, left London for Paris after what had been described as "a three-day shopping expedition." Lars Schmidt is Miss Bergman's third husband.

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Chinese Pianist Defies Peking

Warsaw, Dec. 21.

A gifted young Chinese concert pianist, Fu Tsun, today defied his Government's order to return to China and flew to London to continue his musical career in the West.

Polish musical friends said tonight that the Chinese Embassy in Warsaw had ordered Fu to go home before the end of the year because he inadvertently spoke of his love for a Polish girl and his preference for European music. Fu has been studying music in Poland since 1952. He is 24.

Fu was third in the 1955 International Chopin Competition for the most coveted Polish Pianoforte Prize. Since then he has studied under Professor Zbigniew Drzewiecki, one of Poland's foremost piano teachers.

Wealthy Family

According to his friends here Fu, the son of a wealthy Shanghai family, arrived in Poland with a Chinese folk dance and music troupe in 1952. He was the group's piano soloist. He stayed on to study.

After his successful performance in the 1955 Chopin Festival—in which he also won the Special Prize for Mazurkas—Fu studied under Professor Drzewiecki and gave concerts in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia.

Earlier this year, his friends say, Fu told a girl in the Chinese Embassy of his passion for European music. He added that he also wanted to marry a Polish girl.

Father Arrested

The Chinese girl informed her Embassy. The Embassy told Peking and the authorities arrested Fu's father on a charge of "translating, without authorization, the novels of Romain Rolland (the French novelist)," his friends declare.

Fu was summoned to the Embassy, faced with his "unacceptable" statements, and told to perform an act of self-criticism.

But Fu refused and he also declined to surrender his passport.

Tonight the young pianist kissed the girl good-bye at Ociec airport, and passed through the customs barrier. His passport and visa were in order. The plane was almost an hour late as the girl waited alone in the restaurant. As the plane took off she relaxed and laughed. — Reuter.

Neville Shute In Hospital

Melbourne, Dec. 21. English author Neville Shute is in Royal Melbourne Hospital following a heart attack, the Sun News Pictorial reported today.

His condition was not serious, the newspaper said. — China Mail Special.

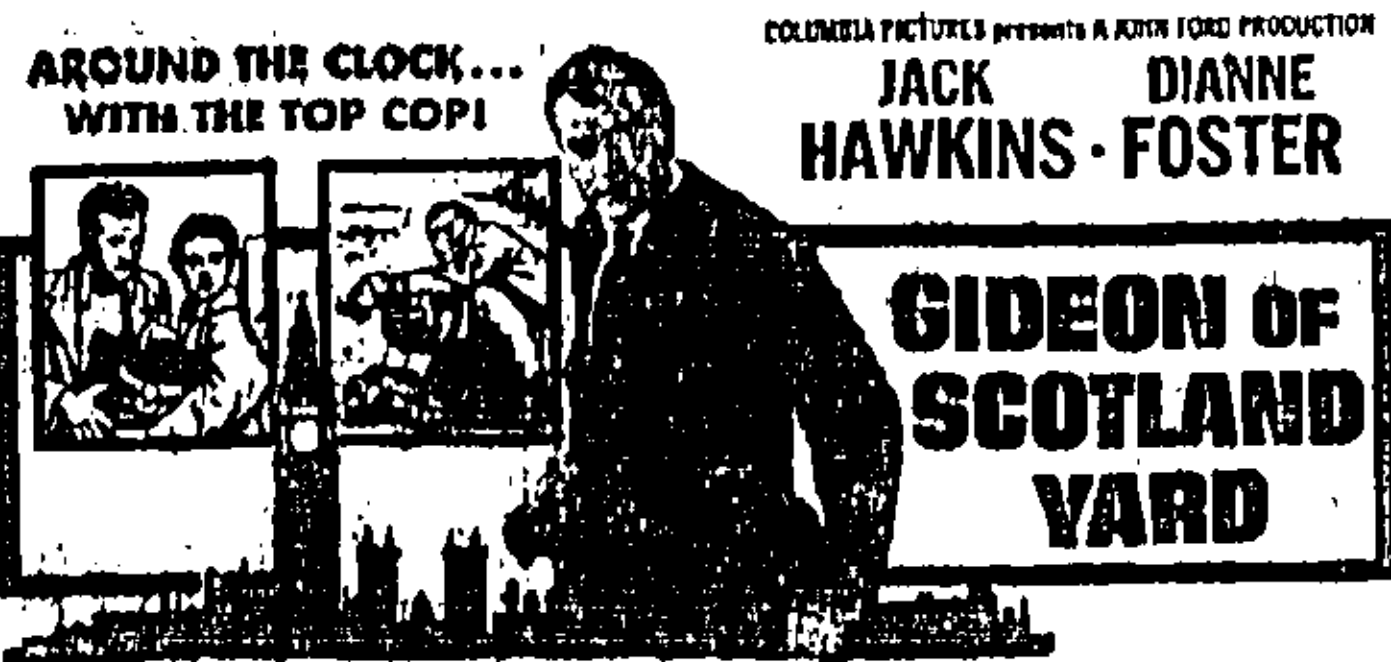
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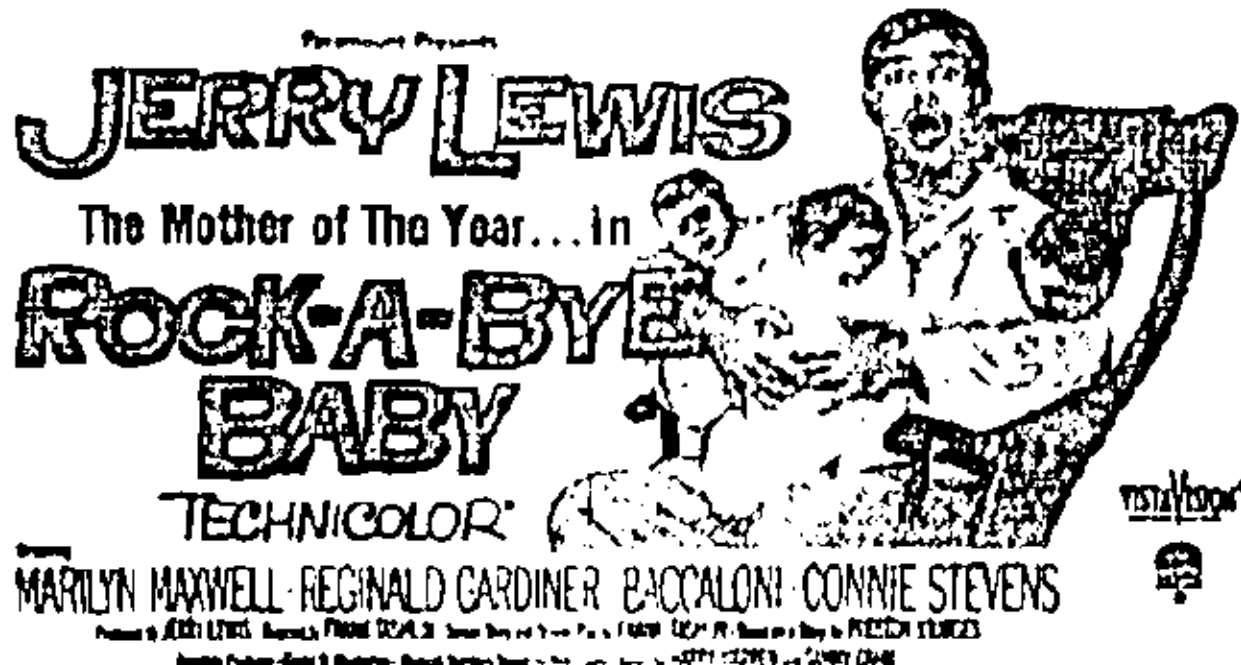
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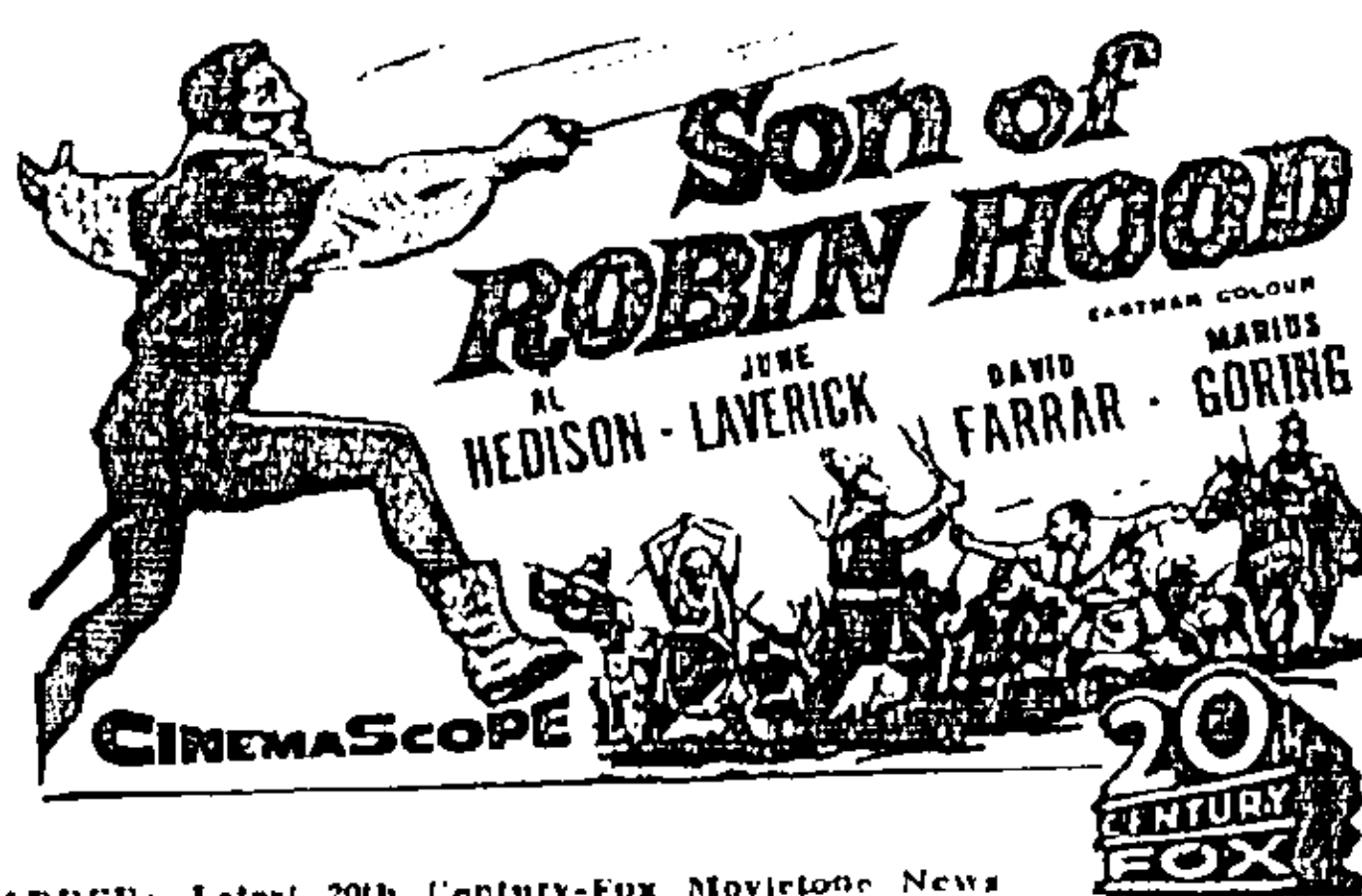
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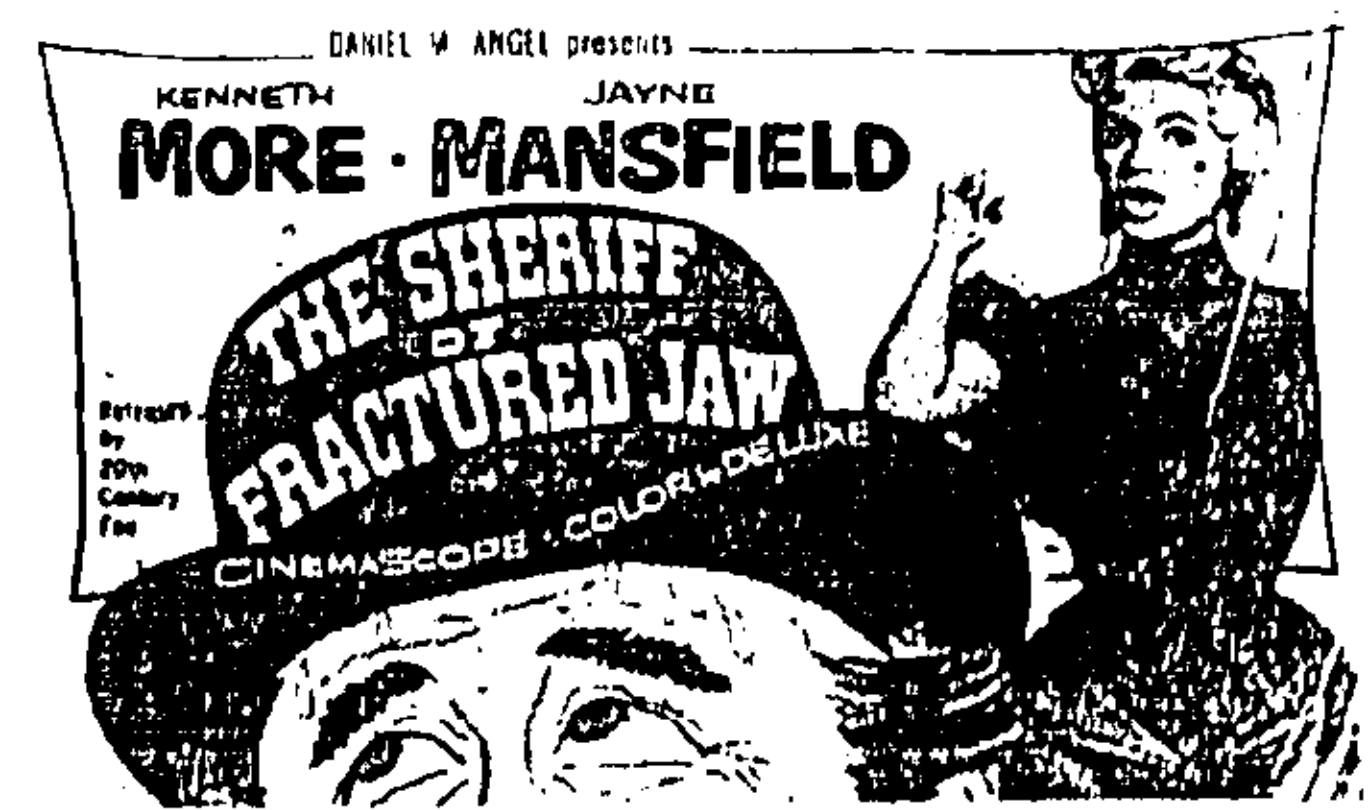
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Oratorio Society's "Messiah"

By D. E. GRAY

ON Friday evening in Queen Elizabeth School, Kowloon, a performance of Handel's "Messiah" was given by the Hongkong Oratorio Society. This young choir has been well trained and is a credit to Mr Dennis Parker who has so ably carried on the good work since Mr Theodore Huang's departure nearly a year ago. It is a great pity Mr Parker is severing his connection with this choir, since he is obviously a very able musician.

I would like to see an annual performance of "Messiah" become a feature of Hongkong's musical life, but such a performance should be on a much bigger scale—three choirs joining forces with an orchestra as well as an organ.

I have been told that the music for such a performance exists in Hongkong now. All it requires is that the governing bodies of three or four musical organisations should "get together" and plan ahead.

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The soloists were not very good on Friday. Two of them, it is true, were hurriedly substituting for Robert Witcher who was, unfortunately, ill and unable to sing the very important tenor part. But Hongkong should be able to produce some better soloists. Good marks must be given to the organist (although she was not a brilliant performer) who had to carry the burden of organ and orchestra from beginning to end—on a Hammond organ.

Substitute for an orchestra. I always find at performances of this oratorio, when there is an organ only, that the tempo of the music tends to drag at times, and this happened to some extent on Friday in some of the arias, when the organist was not under the firm beat of the conductor.

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Handel composed this work for small choir, small orchestra, and an organ. I agree with The Sir Henry Woods of our time, who maintained that if Handel had composed the "Messiah" in the twentieth century, instead of the eighteenth, he would have employed all the forces at his command, such as are usually available in a British choral union and a British symphony orchestra of today.

Our ears, having become accustomed to the musical forces which portray the music of Wagner, Verdi and Strauss, need big forces to bring us to our feet at the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus, that masterpiece of praise to the Maker of all things.

Meanwhile, we can say thank you to the Hongkong Oratorio Society and to Mr Parker, their conductor, for the pleasure of Friday's performance. I hope Hongkong can have him conducting some future performance of this work with bigger resources at his command.

H.E. ATTENDS CAROL SERVICE AT CATHEDRAL

His Excellency the Governor attended the carol service of the Nine Lessons at St John's Cathedral with Lady Black and Miss Barbara Black last night.

He read the Ninth Lesson from the first chapter of St John about the meaning of Christmas. This was preceded by an old Basque carol "The Infant King". Upon arrival at the Cathedral His Excellency was welcomed by the Dean, the Very Rev. F. S. Temple, Bishop G. F. Doggett and Mr. Tom Wieseler. A large congregation heard the magnificent choir accompanied at the organ by Miss Cecilia Chang sing songs of praise including Herrick's Carol "In Dulce Jubilo" from the German; Tolstoy's "Crown of Thorns"; "Lullaby My Little" a 15th century carol and many traditional favourites. The service concluded with the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" sung by the Rev. J. Temple. Lessons were read by Ch. H. Owen-Smith, the Hon. D. J. Chan, Dr. E. E. Chan and members of the congregation and choir.

Two Britons To Spend Another Christmas In Nasser's Cells?

By Alex Joannides

Cairo, Dec. 21.

Mr James Swinburn and Mr James Zarb, the two Britons jailed by Egypt as spies, were busy making themselves a 12-inch Christmas tree in their decorated cell when I visited them in Turah Gaol, today.

Both men were in good spirits but could not conceal their disappointment at having to spend their third Christmas behind bars from their families.

11th Hour

Their still-alive eleventh hour hopes were expressed to me this way—"Tension is lessening everywhere, with the Algerians releasing French prisoners, and Sir Hugh Foot reprieving Greek Cypriots."

"We believe, if we were released before Christmas this would be taken, back home, as an act of unconditional goodwill, creating an excellent impression and certainly making two families the happiest in the land."



James Zarb

BID TO "SPREAD" NEGROES IN U.S.

New York, Dec. 21.

Georgian Senator Richard B. Russell disclosed plans to introduce legislation aimed at bringing about a more equal distribution of the white and Negro races throughout the United States.

Under Mr Russell's proposed bill, a voluntary racial relocation commission would be created to encourage and assist persons who desire to live in other states to bring about a more balanced racial population in each state.

Mr Russell expressed "grave concern" over the bitterness that is being fostered because of what he called efforts to force integration of the white and Negro races in all relations of life.—U.P.I.

China Gets New TV Station

Peking, Dec. 21.

Workers, students and government employees in Harbin, north-east China, saw the first trial television programme on Saturday evening put out by the new television station in Harbin, Radio Peking reported today.

This is the third television station in China. The first is in operation in Peking and the second in Shanghai. There are preparations to build another in Canton.

The only drawback in the TV station in Harbin is that it will operate every Saturday evening only for the time being.—France-Press.



James Swinburn

If their hopes are not realised much has been arranged to mitigate their disappointment.

Special Food

Special food parcels will be given them on six days of the festive season. They will receive presents from their wives through the Swiss Embassy and they will be able to talk to their wives by telephone on December 25.

Their fare from the special parcels will include turkey and Christmas pudding, and during the holiday they will attend services and receive Holy Communion in the prison.

Both are very popular with the prison's administration. Brigadier Desuki Bashlawi, the governor, told me: "They are very much."

Since last July, both men have spent most of their time reading or walking within the prison. They have not been to the quarry where they worked during the first months of their sentences.

Mail Delay

Their only complaint to me was about the two to three-week delay in receiving mail from home.

Before I left, they told me: "If we don't make it this year, we hope, with better luck, to spend next Christmas with our families."

Mr Swinburn, 52, is serving a five-year sentence and Mr Zarb, 38, a 10-year sentence.—China Mail Special.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rod Steiger

Sir,—I think Mr Anthony Fuller has exaggerated a little in saying that "it had taken a British film ('Across The Bridge') to reveal what an outstanding actor Rod Steiger is." For one thing, before this picture Steiger had some (according to some British critics) pretty good roles in "Big Knife," "The Harder They Fall" and "One Man Mutiny," all American productions.

Secondly, I don't believe "Across The Bridge" is such a fine picture. Just my personal opinion, of course; but to quote British critic Derek Hill: "Steiger's performance is as studied, self-conscious and contrived as the script.... The enthusiastic reception which both these films ('Across The Bridge' and 'Manuela') have received in the national press seems to indicate that sickness has for so long been a stranger to British production that evidence of it is now considered exciting, regardless of the material on which it is employed. Competence in treatment and technique is certainly worth having, but to hail it as an achievement in itself seems hardly likely to encourage the overdue search for worthwhile themes."

N. T. CHOW.

Winter Arrives

Chicago, Dec. 21. Snow and cold air scattered sections of the U.S. today to herald the arrival of winter which starts early Monday.—U.P.I.

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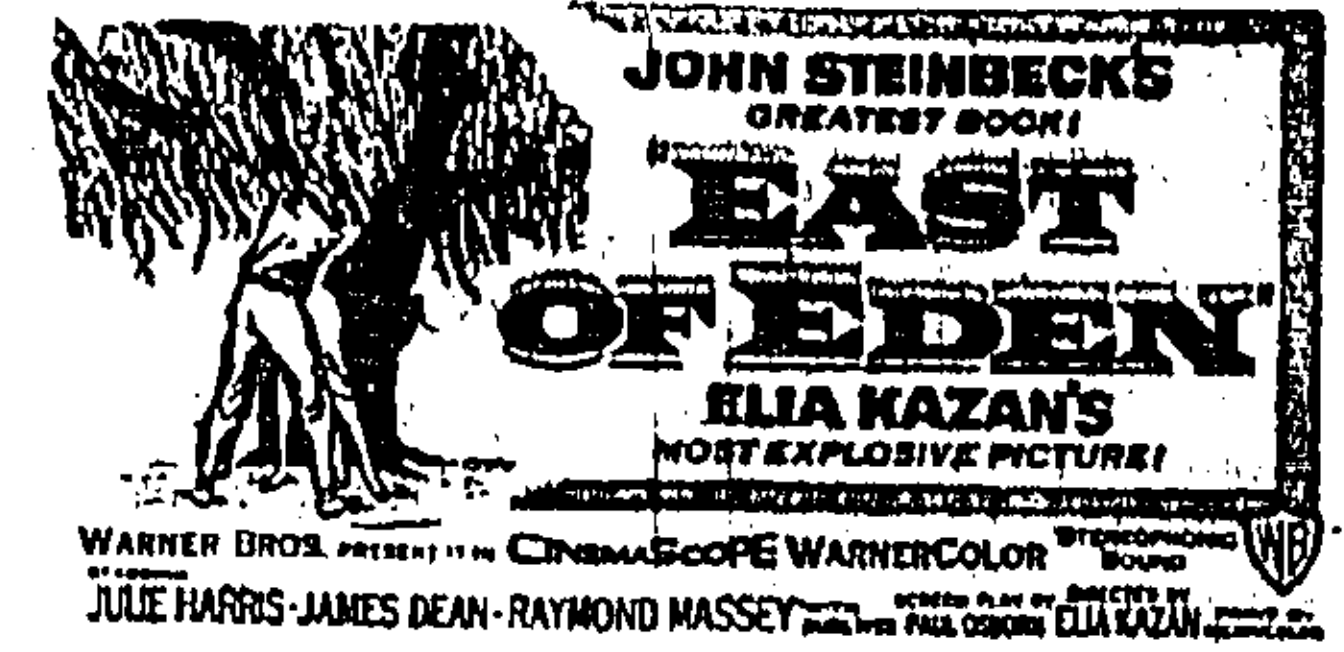
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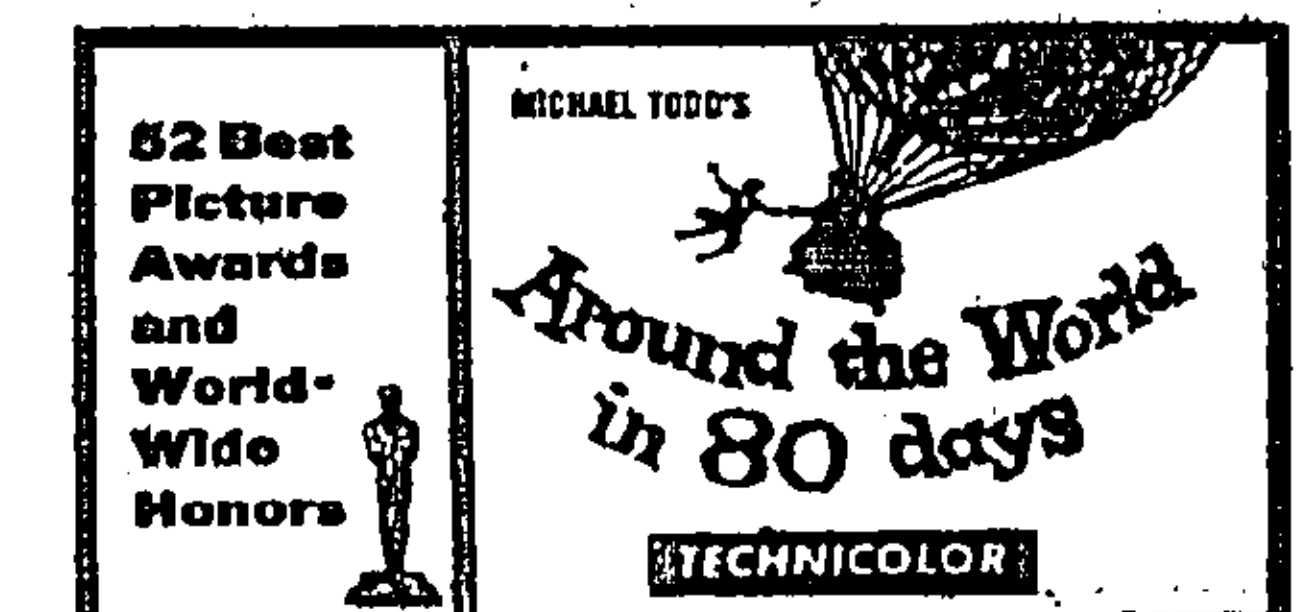
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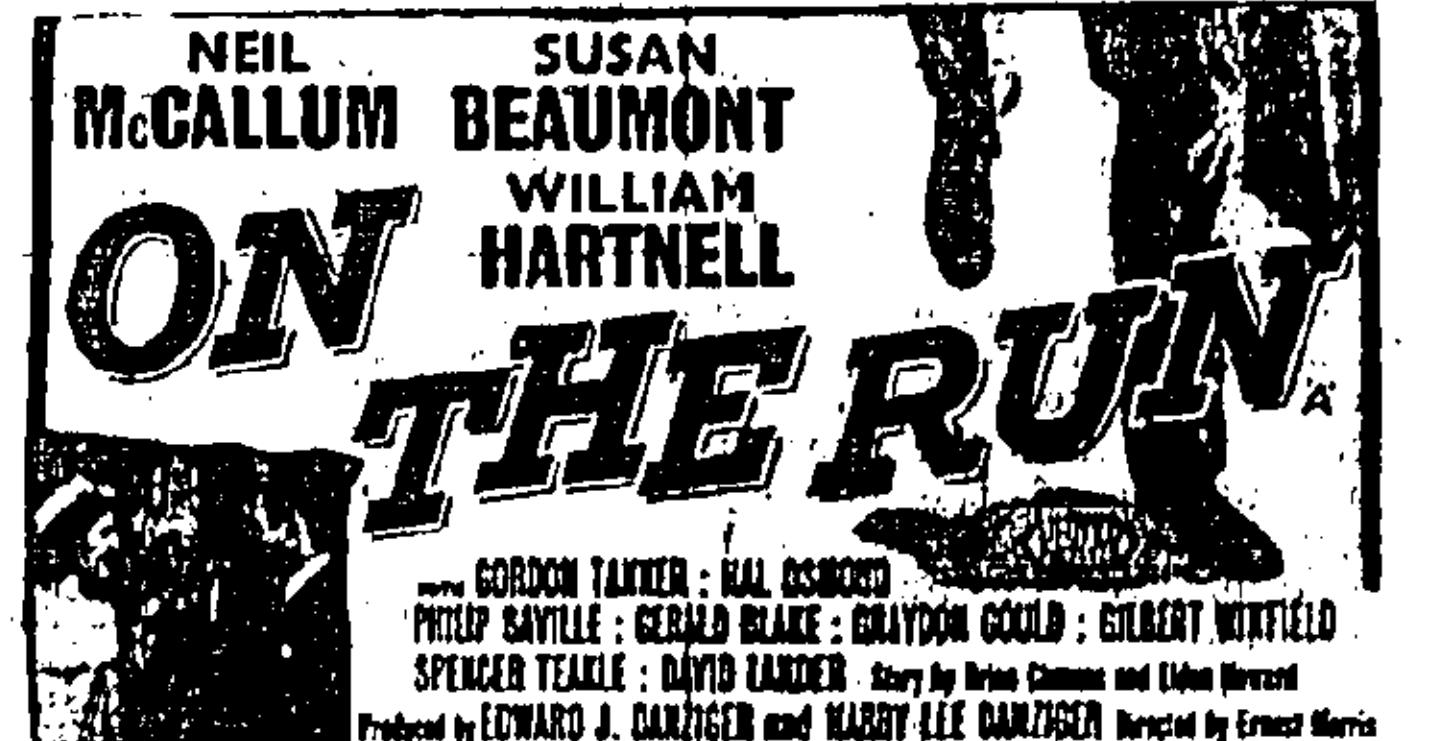
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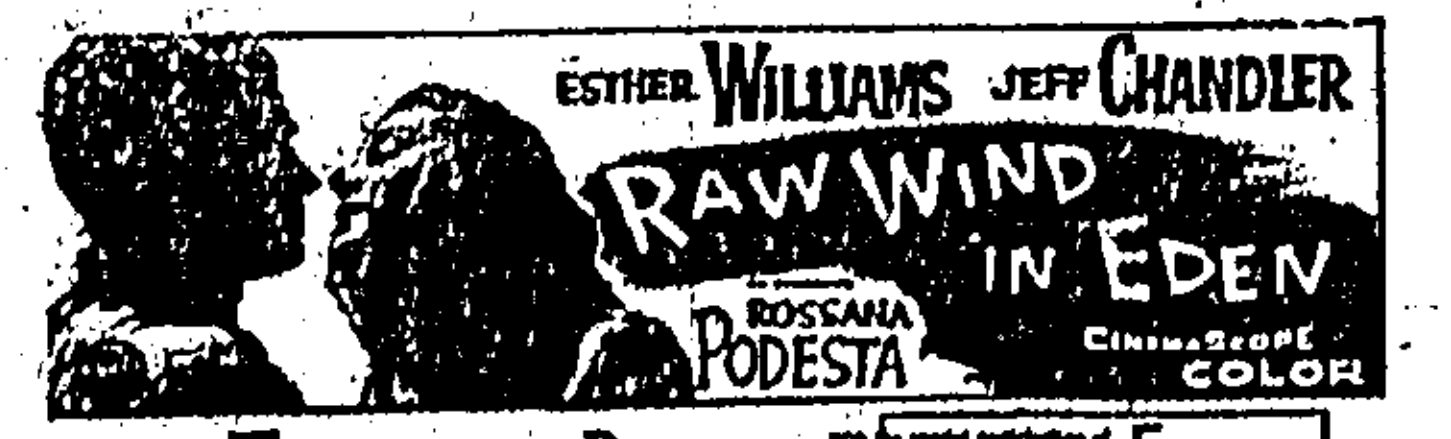
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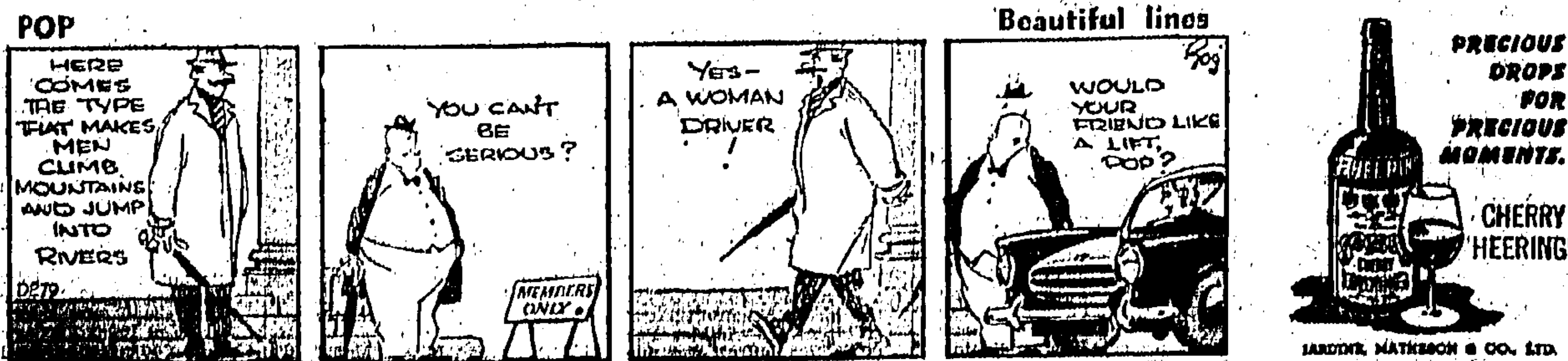


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FBI CHIEF FLAYS APATHY TO RED THREAT

Washington, Dec. 21. Federal Bureau of Investigation Director J. Edgar Hoover charged today that public apathy encouraged "dupes and sympathizers" of the Communist Party to attack America's law enforcement agencies.

Hoover, in a year-end report to Attorney General William P. Rogers, apparently referred to newspaper and magazine articles critical of the FBI.

Diseased Mice Taken For Pets

Atlanta, Dec. 21. Three people were bitten today by possibly-rabid white mice stolen from a State Health Department laboratory here by a band of teenagers who thought they would make nice pets.

George Holley, agent of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, said he solved the case of the mice within an hour of being informed that 25 of the rodents were missing.

But he added that even this was not fast enough to prevent the bites.

The Laboratory Director, Walter Bowman, said the three bitten people, the father, a brother and a sister, one of four youths who stole the mice, would have to take rabies treatment.

Mr. Holley said the four juveniles, ranging in age from 13 to 15, entered the lab late Saturday night by crawling through an unlocked window. They gathered up the mice from a series of cages.

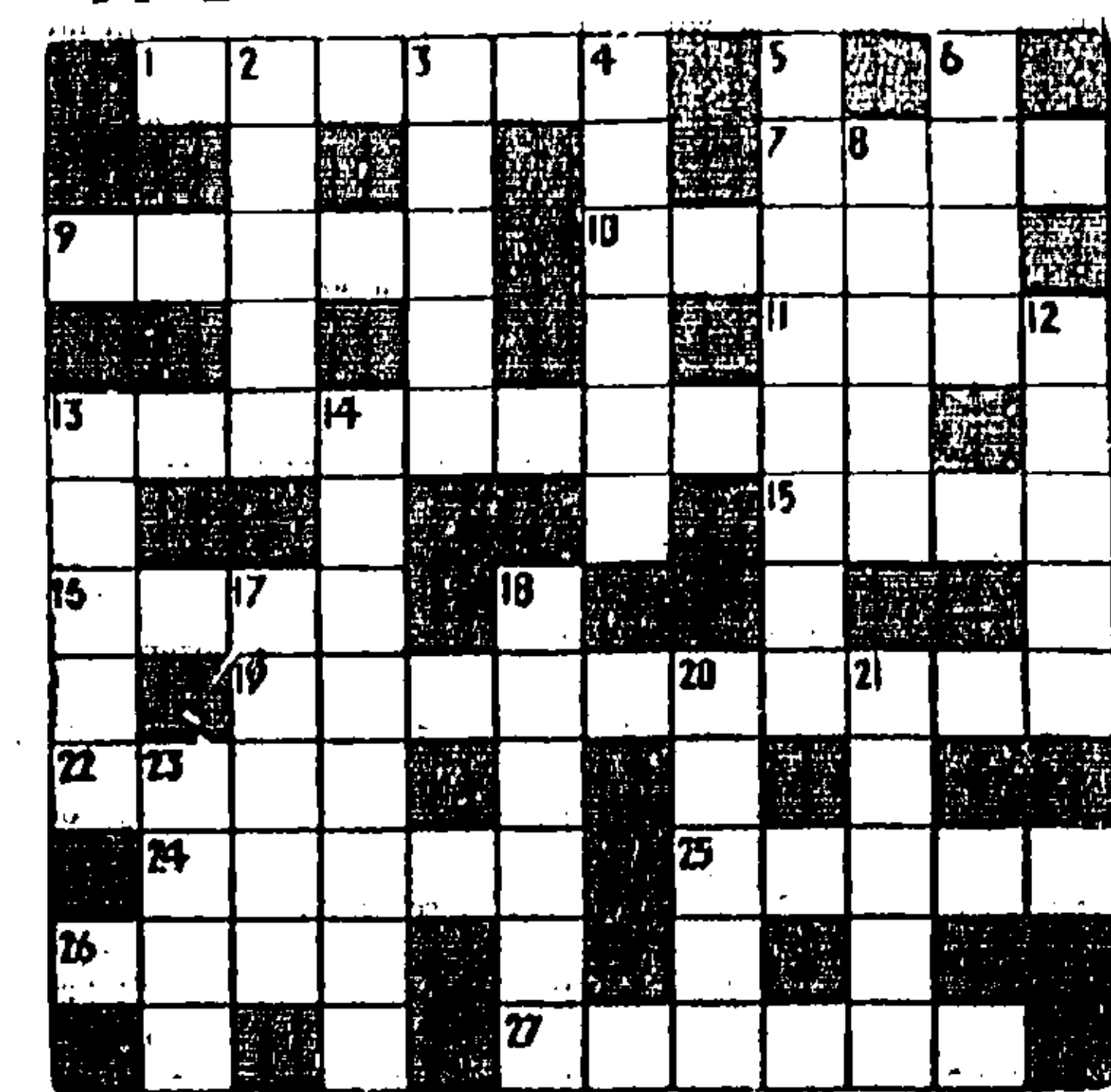
He said he charged upon one of the youths involved, walking down the street this morning.—U.P.I.

Grandpa Bing

Santa Monica, Dec. 21. Bing Crosby became a grandfather today when the wife of his son Dennis gave birth to a boy.

The mother, former showgirl Pat Sheehan, and the eight-pound 13-ounce baby were reported doing well in St. John's hospital. Reuter.

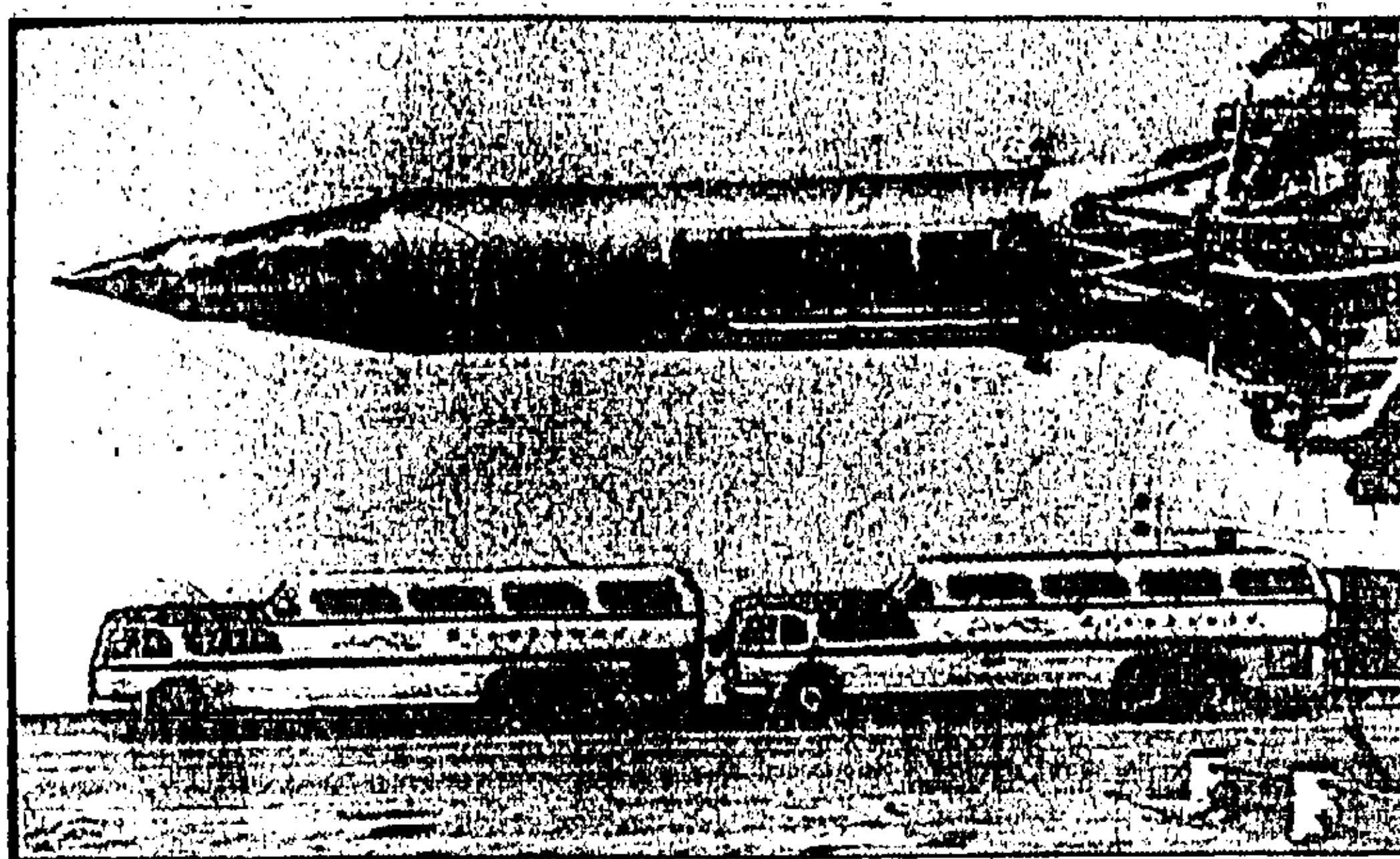
A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Frozen stiff finally! (6).
 - 2 River of Germany (4).
 - 3 One end of the Nile, for example (6).
 - 4 But does the bishop wear it at an angle of 45 degrees? (5).
 - 5 Slippery customers (4).
 - 6 Carriers of note, maybe (10).
 - 7 Man is one (5).
 - 8 Flat mislaid (4).
 - 9 Foundry owner (10).
 - 10 Can do! (4).
 - 11 Turning machine (5).
 - 12 What a bad driver may do (3, 2).
 - 13 Supporters' plaything! (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Regulations for straight lines (6).
 - 2 A Darling! (6).
 - 3 Injure (6).
 - 4 Clashes (6).
 - 5 Strip off (4).
 - 6 Use zebra? (5).
 - 7 It carried a sharp tip (5).
 - 8 Comedian's specialties (8).
 - 9 Put out of sight (8).
 - 10 Mr. Manner? (6).
 - 11 Make beloved (6).
 - 12 Race place? (5).
 - 13 The lot (3).
 - 14 Cold athlete? (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Coffin, 4 Odour, 7 Armada, 8 Scots, 10 Gals, 12 Dilemma, 15 Icked, 16 Poop, 17 Reck, 18 Basil, 20 S-treets, 21 Taro, 22 Wheta, 24 Pances, 25 C-rude, 26 Trysts, Down: 1 Chargers, 2 Familiar, 3 Eddy, 5 Decadent, 6 Ullmo, 9 Midas, 11 Arrested, 12 Delvin, 13 M.O.-luses, 14 Applesed, 16 Echer, 22 Fair.

One Atlas—Two Buses



America's mightiest satellite, the 8,800-pound Atlas missile which is circling the earth is 85ft. long—five feet longer than two average highway buses. By way of illustration, the Atlas satellite which was launched on Thursday is shown compared to two buses in this composite picture. The photograph of the Atlas was made as it sat poised before firing.—U.P.I.

Paper Owners Defy Strikers

New York, Dec. 21. The Publishers' Association of New York City firmly stood its ground today against truck drivers who have shut down nine major daily newspapers in a 12-day strike.

The association issued a statement on behalf of the publishers of the nine papers, which have a combined daily circulation of 5,500,000. Sunday papers affected have a total circulation of nearly 8,000,000.

Yesterday, nearly all the other unions representing 15,000 newspaper workers who have been laid off because of the strike by 1,500 deliverers unanimously turned down an appeal for help from the strikers.

The Newspaper and Mail Deliverers' Union, an independent labour organization, asked the unions affiliated with the AFL-CIO to join its picket lines and to give financial support. The answer was a flat "no."

The publishers followed this up today with a statement saying they had voted unanimously to reaffirm their support of the position taken by their negotiating committee.

Negotiations will resume under auspices of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service at 2 p.m. on Monday.—U.P.I.

TIME TABLE FOR PARTIES

Paris. Public relations officers and Press attaches in Paris have set up a new organization to co-ordinate their cocktail parties.

With more than 1,000 publicity organizations in the French capital, attaches found that their parties, designed to launch perhaps a new hat, a new author or a new building, often fell flat—all the journalists were being wooed by a rival group at another cocktail party.

So 250 of the Press attaches have banded together and set up a central office to plot dates and prevent a clash of times for parties and press conferences.—Reuter.

Frogman Swims 600 Miles In Three Weeks

Vancouver, Dec. 21. Hundreds of people lined the streets of New Westminster, B.C., today to cheer a French frogman as he climbed out of the water after swimming 600 miles along the dangerous Fraser River.

The Boy Who Liked Big Fires

Lowestoft, Dec. 20.

A 15-year-old boy who admitted setting fire to four buildings told a court here: "I like the excitement of watching it."

The court was told that one fire—in a paper and a cardboard store—burned for three days.

The court adjourned its decision for three weeks and sent the boy to a remand home for examination. Detective Inspector R. J. Prior said that before the last of the four fires the boy told another that he had attempted earlier to fire the building and added: "It never went. It would have made a lovely blaze."

About the charge of attempting to set fire to a warehouse, the boy said: "I got a piece of paper from our bonfire site, put it through a grating (in the pavement) and set fire to it with a match."

P. C. Levett continued that in a statement the boy said he set fire to a bonfire before Guy Fawkes Day, and the Fire Brigade had to be called to put the fire out.

About another fire at a wood-yard, the boy's statement added that he went into a shed where there were chopped sticks for kindling, put in a piece of fish and chip paper on top of the sticks, and lit it.

When he got home he could see smoke and sparks coming from the direction of the fire. The statement also said that since he fired the Guy Fawkes bonfire, he "liked to see the smoke and the Fire Brigade."

Detective-Constable C. F. Keeble said that the boy made a statement that after he had set fire to the big paper and cardboard store, which burned furiously he went back with some other boys to watch the fire and the Fire Brigade.

Detective-Inspector Prior said that this big fire burned for three days continuously, and the Fire Brigade had to make precautionary visits for a week.—China Mail Special.

Louis Lourdais, 38, took two weeks and three days to complete the marathon swim from Prince George, in northern British Columbia. He first entered the water at Prince George on December 1st.

The 600-mile river section is the roughest stretch of water in Canada. Lourdais' wife Lillian and his helper, accompanied him on his last lap of 20 miles on the big Grey Swan which was on hand in case there was trouble with the strong currents in the river.

Lourdais made good time in his last lap in spite of appearing very tired.

Unconcerned

When he stepped from the water he appeared unconcerned that he was the first man to have swum the Fraser River as well as being the first man to swim through Hell's Gates, one of the most dangerous stretches of water in the world.

Later today Lourdais, accompanied by his family, went to the Vancouver City Hall to be presented with a frogman's watch by Vancouver Mayor Fred Harne.

The inscription reads: "Presented to Louis Lourdais by the City of Vancouver in recognition of his unprecedented swim down the Fraser River and through Hell's Gates in December 1958."—U.P.I.

Ticket To Gael

Canterbury, Dec. 21. Cornelius Davies, who likes to spend Christmas in Gael, kicked in the glass wall of an outdoor telephone booth yesterday and got the number he wanted—a prisoner's serial number.

The same offices has been Davies' ticket to Gael—for two months each time—in the last two Decembers. This judge was glad to oblige again this year.

The youth initially went to spend Christmas in prison? asked an incredulous court clerk.

Davies nodded, and grinned broadly as he was led away.—U.P.I.

Pasternak Says Home Teemed With Doctors

Bonn, Dec. 21. The Russian author, Boris Pasternak, has described how he was "surrounded by doctors" in his home when a political storm broke over his head last October after he was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature.

"Perhaps they were afraid I would do something to myself," Mr. Pasternak told the Moscow correspondent of a Hamburg newspaper.

The correspondent quoted the author, who rejected the Nobel award as saying that he had not bothered to consult a doctor about a nerve inflammation in his left arm which occasionally troubled him.

"It will go away again. I had enough in those days in October when the storm was raging over me. Then my house was simply a hospital," Pasternak said.

"A woman doctor was put by me. I told her she could go home. She had no need to worry about me."

"But she did not go. She could not go because she had been ordered to stay with me."

"They Were Afraid"

"Perhaps they were afraid I would do something to myself. So I was all the time surrounded by doctors. They even slept under my roof."

The newspaper's correspondent also quoted Pasternak as saying: "I believe I have made a contribution to the development of Russia. That is why I am so composed."

"Political storms exist at all times and everywhere... such storms are natural events. One has to put up with them."

"My 'Doctor Zhivago' was my life's work. I put a lot of effort into it and so I knew this book would be a success."

"But if people wish to print something by me there is no need to dip into a chest of mothballs. I am not yet dead. I am still working."

But Pasternak said that foreign publishers should not publish "immature or unworthy" pieces of his earlier literary work.

Such publishers could contact "a good acquaintance of mine"—a woman living in Paris—who had a copy of a small volume of poems titled "In the Meantime" which were "unpolitical and something personal."—Reuter.

Hoop Record

Polters, Dec. 21. Claude Gachet, 23-year-old plumber today set up what he claims is a world record for hula-hoop, gyrating 13 hours, 49 minutes without a stop.

His seconds said he turned the hoop 100,000 times at an average speed of 124 whirls a minute.—Reuter.



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Serov

By STEPHEN CONSTANT

DOWN, down, down they go — all Krushchev's friends. The Georgis, the Nikolais, the Vyacheslavs, all the old chums.

And it looked like the beginning of the long road to obscurity for another old friend of the Russian leader.

Not one of his nicest pals. But to all appearances, until now, one of his closest ones.

An Ivan this time. Ivan Aleksandrovich Serov, security chief of all the Russians, ruthless, feared, and very able.

They called him Ivan the Terrible.

Small, tilt-nosed, smiling, he knew more of the Kremlin's secrets, more about what went on behind the scenes than Krushchev himself.

For 28 years he has had access to all the secret files, knew all the plots, cooked up many of them himself.

BEGINNING

His career began in 1930 with a post in Stalin's personal secretariat, then directed by another former friend of Krushchev, Georgi Malenkov.

While working his gradual way to the top he had many opportunities to see the usual fate of a Soviet Secret Police boss.

He saw all his predecessors—the terrible Yagoda, Manzhinsky, Dzerzhinsky, and finally Beria—go to a violent death.

But Ivan Aleksandrovich never drew the necessary moral.



He prospered. He did big jobs, important jobs for his masters. He directed mass deportations from the Baltic countries at the beginning of the war.

Then came his big chance. He was appointed head of the Ukrainian State Security Organisation. His close colleague during the job was none other than Nikita Krushchev, who was at the time also working in the Ukraine.

The big friendship—if friendship it was, dates from those days. After the Ukraine came a succession of important jobs, the deportation of the Crimean Tatars, ordered by Stalin, the deportation of Soviet citizens living in Germany.

It was during this period, just after the war, when he performed one of his most valuable services to the Kremlin.

He brought home to Russia a loyal watch, Germany's leading specialists in rocket weapons and atomic physics.

That Russian Sputnik owes a lot to Ivan Aleksandrovich.

He became deputy chief of the dreaded SMERSH organisation. The word is an abbreviation of the phrase "Death to Spies." They were the people who are giving such trouble to that amiable young man James Bond whose adventures we printed sometime ago.

In April 1954 he was appointed Chairman of the Committee for State Security, the post he held until recently.

IN BRITAIN

He was trusted by Krushchev. There can be no doubt of that. It was he who fixed all the security arrangements during B & K's memorable junkets to Britain, India, Burma, Pakistan and Finland.

Of course the announcement about his removal from the State Security job does not necessarily mean that Serov is to be executed. I feel sure that he will be given another job soon.

But it is not very likely that it will be a better job.

I SUGGEST

Why has Krushchev done away with Ivan? I suggest there are two reasons:—

1 SEROV is not a popular man in Russia. A gesture like the sacking of Serov can do Mr K a lot of good.

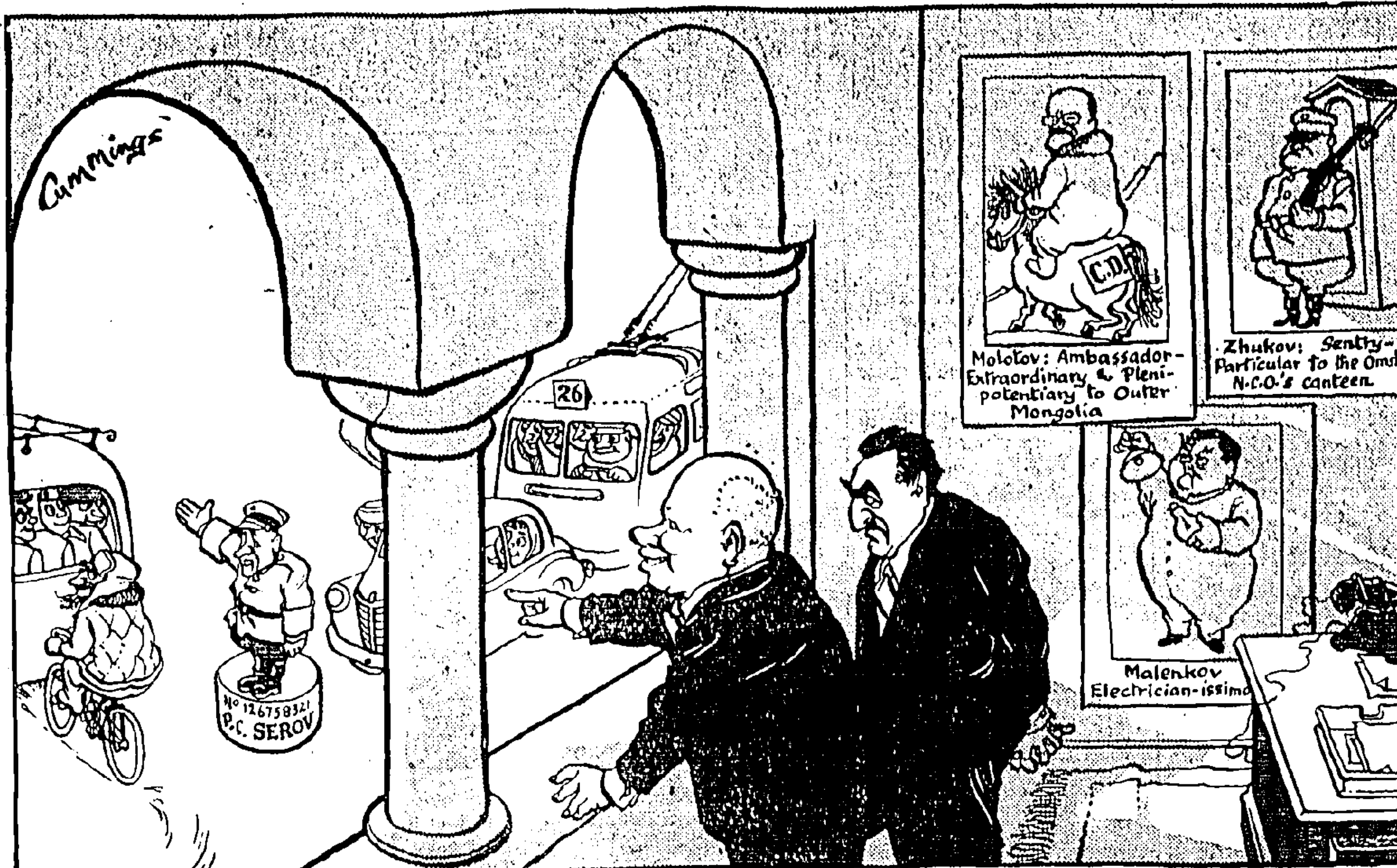
He can show that he is stronger than the secret police. He can also wash his hands of the dark deeds of the police.

If Krushchev replaces Serov by a party man—a real Communist—he can clearly demonstrate what he has been preaching for the last five years: that the party is stronger than any other body in Russia.

2 SEROV has outlived his usefulness to the Russian leader. The sacking proves that the party has now got the Secret Police under its thumb as well as the Army.

Now Krushchev is still ahead—by a long neck. Behind him he leaves a long string of enemies.

Of these Serov—the Man with all the Secrets—is potentially the most dangerous.



"Look, Mikoyan, my most inspired appointment yet!"

NOW THEY CALL IT "PRESLEY TOWN"

NOTHING so exciting has happened in this sleepy little German town of Friedberg since the first American G.I. nosed his way into it in a jeep bristling with machine-gun nearly fourteen years ago.

Today Friedberg has been renamed Presleytown, and the most famous G.I. of them all is "out of town" till Christmas. He's away on field exercises—the only place he is not surrounded by thousands of shouting, jiving German teenagers who pack the streets around his hotel, sneak up to his bedroom, and even hide in the bathroom to write him long fan letters in German, which Elvis can't understand anyway.

By ANTONY TERRY



Elvis first became the German teenagers' idol over a year ago. Since then sales of his records have rocketed. Today he sells over a million discs in West Germany alone every year, and top favourite of the moment is "Hard Headed Woman." In the local Rock 'n' Roll cafes around here, where the pony-tailed teenage girls go with their boy friends, it's more than one's life is worth to play anything but Elvis on the juke box.

Since he arrived in Germany on his eighteen months' service tour in October as plain Private Presley (Army No. 53310781) Elvis has succeeded in making the grade as a soldier and a "good guy" with his pals in the 3rd U.S. Armoured Division—to a degree which has surprised even the officers in his unit.

"He's just a quiet, nice character who is a more-than-average good soldier," said one of them. "Girl friends? The grandmother is his father Vernon only German girl he knows lives in Frankfurt, and he won't be able to see her again until he's back from manoeuvres."

Pretty, blonde, 16-year-old hot Southern splotch that make week private's pay, and not on Margrit Bueglin, a typist in a Granddaddy's cooking taste bet-ter back in U.S.A., he told me. His father is planning a big Christmas homecoming when in Frankfurt firm, met Elvis when she helped with pictures a German photographer was making Christmas pictures of Presley. The pictures turned out fine and Margrit stayed to soldiering. Margrit has been Presley possessions were con-

tea with the Elvis family who invited, too, and so have a are looking after him in the dozen other friends. It'll be a quiet Gruenwald family hotel rest for Elvis from driving Army where they have a one-floor vehicles for the Third Armoured suite. Since then he has seen Division, and a chance to get not mean the Army has rules: Elvis must have been out for the movies, not rock or live in barracks. Nor, may he make any public appearances while in Germany in the Army. Any singing he does must be at home. And for the next few weeks, home does which the Army has banned while Elvis is on duty.

While he is away it's Vernon, his father, who deals with 700 to 1,000 fan letters that stream in every day. Part of the mail which comes from the U.S. clogs up the U.S. Army postal service at Friedberg. The rest streams in via a blue-uniformed German postman who delivers it in a special mustard coloured van to the Presley hotel twice a day. Said father Presley: "I go out there to the manoeuvres

firmly by his father—a area every week-end and we talk about this and that, and he answers some of his mail. He's looking fine and taking to Army life very well. I must admit I never thought he would do so well as a soldier."

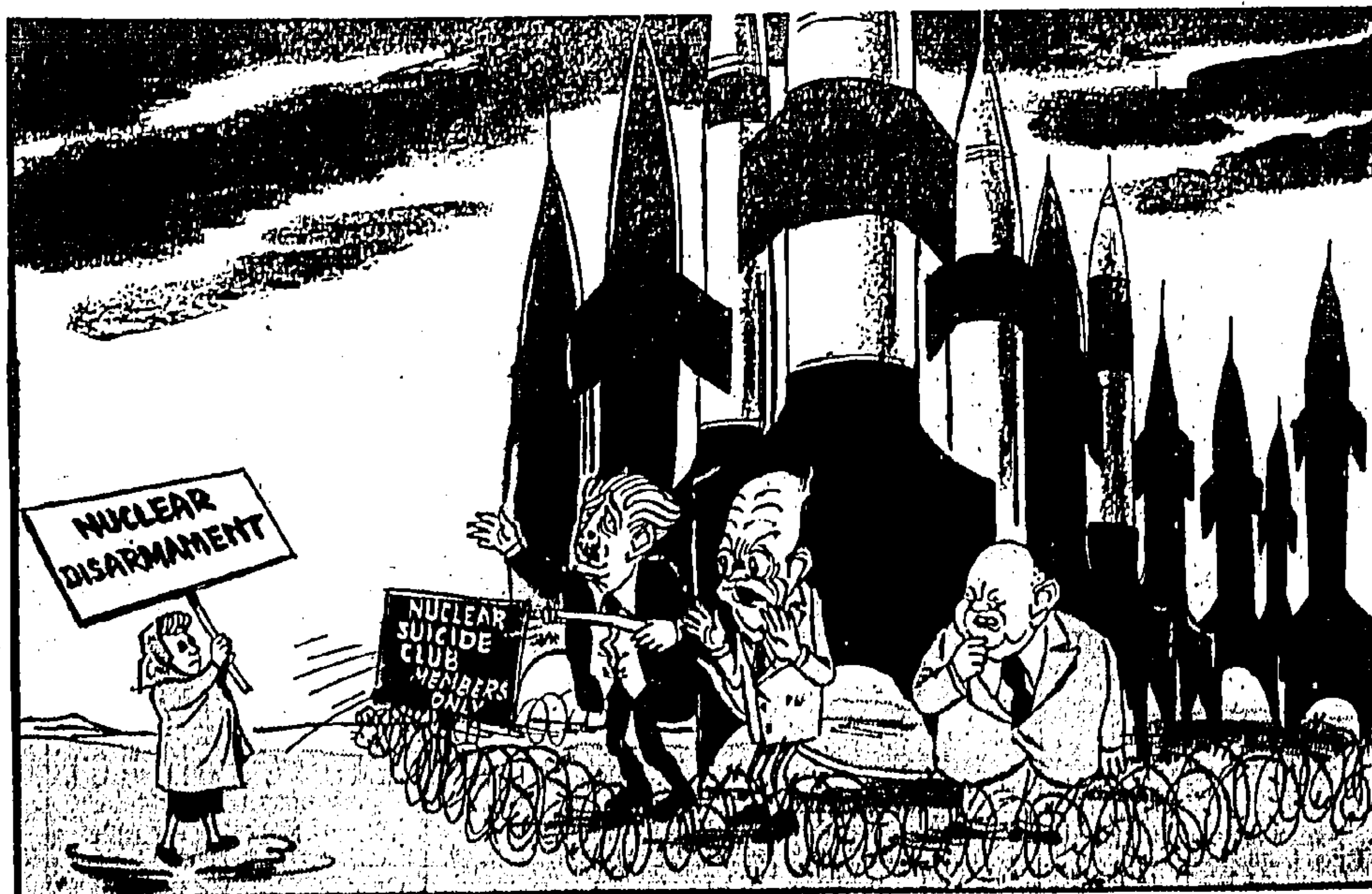
Until recently the Presley family were toying with the idea of moving out of the hotel and into a house, especially after the first hotel they lived in failed to keep the crowds of curious fans and teenagers out of Presley's room even at night. Some of his German admirers are older women who even tried to bribe the porter in the hotel to let them go upstairs "just for a look."

Elvis, who is working a tough 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. day in the Army and has to be on time like any other G.I., decided to get out from under. He moved with Granddaddy and father Vernon to another hotel where he could at any rate get a quiet night's sleep. Now the Presleys have given up the house idea. "It would need a dozen policemen to keep the fans from storming the place," an official said. "Or we would have to detach military police to do the job—and that's definitely out. It's easier in the hotel where he is now. They manage to run things so that Private Presley gets his seven hours' sleep despite the fans. We don't mind what he does—as long as he's on duty on time each morning."

It's Presley's father who drives with him to the barracks every day when he is stationed in Friedberg. They take a taxi and Pop collects the mail from the Army post office and takes it home to answer after dropping Elvis at the gate. At night Elvis takes a taxi or gets a lift in an army truck back to his hotel.

But among Elvis' fans is lucky Margrit Bueglin, who is looking forward most to Christmas, though it's hard going for both of them because Margrit knows about four words of English and Elvis not even that amount of German.

That is why a tiny dictionary goes everywhere with Margrit and why she is taking English lessons. By the time Elvis Presley gets back from manoeuvres she hopes to be able to carry on a proper conversation with him.



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WOMANSENSE

Giles takes Christmas crack at Joy Matthews

TO WHICH SHE REPLIES:

You forgot the black stockings!

WOMAN'S WORLD

Scissor Treatment

Manila.
Two girl students in Cebu City in the southern Philippines complained to the police that 21-year-old Miguel Bacolod "trimmed" their dresses in a cinema.

Escobal said he hated the pencil and sack styles of the "mod" dresses.

He was sentenced to 10 days in jail.

ALL right, Giles—joke about my black velvet Edwardian slippers! Mock my impeccable haircuts for men! Sneer at my pigskin suitcase—with its lightest possible fittings! But listen to me—you and your fascinating friend in the drawing! What have you got to say about two lovely black legs for Christmas this year?

For—and I fear I'm in dark and deadly earnest about this—the black stocking story has really got going.

From New York (where they like them tight and lacy) to Paris (where they like them tight and lacy) the smartest women are wearing a black Christmas.

But as yet they are still in the gym slip and flat shoe stage.

In New York the women are wearing those sooty black tights in the snowy white streets.

In "Two For The Seesaw," the new American play which opens in London next week, Miss Gerry Judd, who plays the lead, spends the whole of the first act in black stockings.

COBBWEBBY

THE most sophisticated and beautiful girls in the ritziest night-clubs have those long, All-American legs swathed in fine black, cobwebby lace stockings which they wear with black crepe evening pumps.

The French girls are also wearing them with everything—I saw a strawberry blonde lunching at Maxim's, looking at the menu covered with Toulouse



"Here we are—WHAT TO GIVE HIM FOR CHRISTMAS by Joy Matthews... Pigskin dressing case with lightest possible fittings... £230. Grand Edwardian slippers in black velvet with gold monogram made to measure... £13 13s. A year's impeccable haircuts... £9 15s. for a fortnightly haircut and shampoo..."

Lautree girls in black woolly coat, beige shoes, beige hair and black stockings.

She wore a cinnamon Balenciaga suit with a milk toque and black stockings. I saw a bella Bardot beauty strolling along the Faubourg St. Honore wearing a beige leather

Cardin—and, guess what?—black stockings.

SWEEPING

NOT so long ago—it could be a couple of months or so—the black stocking was in the Girl Guide and Nippy class.

My favourite sight was a bouncing blonde wearing black tights—by Christian Dior. With these she has a black and green mohair skirt, a black Jersey, a gold medallion round her neck.

TO BLAME?

NOW who is to blame for this black plague which has hit the capitals?

It is our old friend Balenciaga—that dark and designing Spaniard who introduced the

black silk stocking into his Paris collection two years ago?

Is it the arty, crafty, party types who have been sidling around Chelsea and the Left Bank in their thick woolly hose, often with red, or even white, flat ballerina shoes?

Or is it perhaps Grandma, looking so smart and slick for her age in her black knitted numbers, who has brought back the black regged look for Christmas 1958?

JACOBY on BRIDGE

MY old friend Walter Malowan of New York, is a firm believer in percentage play. Twenty years ago I saw him go down on a hand when he lost a trick to a doubleton in the jack of clubs. The other day at the Regency Club in New York I watched him get that trick back when the jack of clubs showed up in the hand with the long clubs.

Walter dished the first diamond, but had to win the second. West discarded a heart.

Walter continued by playing out four rounds of spades. Everyone discarded a heart on the last spade lead.

The heart discards by West and South were correct. East's heart discard was a bad mistake since it gave Walter a sure count of the hand.

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|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|------|----------------|------|
| NORTH 10 | | WEST | | EAST | |
| ♠ Q J 7 3 | | ♠ 9 6 4 | | ♠ 10 8 5 | |
| ♥ None | | ♥ K 9 7 3 | | ♥ A 8 | |
| ♦ 6 5 4 3 | | ♦ 2 | | ♦ K Q J 10 9 7 | |
| ♣ A Q 10 7 5 | | ♣ 8 4 3 | | ♣ 9 2 | |
| SOUTH (D) | | South West North East | | | |
| ♠ AK 2 | | 1 ♠ | Pass | 2 ♠ | Pass |
| ♥ A Q 10 5 4 2 | | 3 ♥ | Pass | 4 ♥ | Pass |
| ♦ A 8 | | 5 ♦ | Pass | 6 ♦ | Pass |
| ♣ K 6 | | 7 ♣ | Pass | 8 ♣ | Pass |
| North and South vulnerable | | Opening lead—♦ 2 | | | |

HEARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
East South West North
1 ♠ Double 2 ♠
Pass 3 ♠
Pass 4 ♠

You, South, hold:
♠ K J 9 7 ♥ A Q 8 4 ♦ K 10 5 2 ♣ 6

What do you do?
A—Bid four spades. Your hand looks mighty good for 10 tricks.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Again the bidding has gone one club by East, double by you, two clubs by West and two diamonds by your partner. This is the bidding:
♠ K 10 5 2 ♥ A Q 8 4 ♦ A J 5 2 ♣ 6

What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

BORN today you have a powerful and vital personality which helps you along the road to success. You are so intense in your own opinions that you are inclined to show your personal reactions a little too readily. Highly sensitive, you sometimes imagine slight where none is intended and take offense much too readily. But for you to postpone final decisions on a person until after several meetings, your snap judgment is not always your best.

You have a sharp, keen mind, and you do not panic under care for hard physical labour. You will always go the long way around and find a way to avoid toil. Yet, when it comes to brain-work, you are always ready to work long, hard hours to achieve your goal. You have a touch of creative genius in your make-up and your products would be happiest in one of the decorative arts where your love of colour, design and overall beauty can be fully expressed.

Despite the fact that you will have a large circle of acquaintances, you take very few into a close relationship. You never accept advice gratefully, but prefer acting

upon your own initiative and of your own will. Marriage should bring you emotional happiness, since you are loving and prefer to centre your social activities around your own family group, rather than going out on the town.

Among those born on this date are: Demas Taylor, noted music critic and composer; James Edward Oglethorpe, a founder of Georgia; Josiah Bushnell Grinnell, reformer and Iowa educator; Frank Kellors, U.S. Secretary of State and 1929 Nobel peace prize winner; Charles Louis Muller, French historical painter.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Watch Mom's expression when I tell him what I want!"

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Mr. Punch's Birthday

—They Had A Hard Time Finding It Out—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the Shadow-Boy and Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, came into the room where Mr. Punch was sleeping.

"Sh-h!" said Teddy, crossing his finger over his lips. "I don't think we ought to wake him up."

"Mr. Punch won't mind," said Knarf. "He's the only one who can tell us."

Gentle Shake

So Knarf went up to Mr. Punch and gave him a bit of a shake—a very gentle bit of a shake—and Mr. Punch suddenly opened his eyes and said:

"Yes! Certainly! I'm not really asleep. What is it you want to know? Just ask me and I'll tell you."

Then Mr. Punch, without waiting for Knarf to ask anything, shut his eyes again and went back to sleep.

"You'd better shake him again," said Teddy.

So Knarf gave Mr. Punch another shake, not quite so gentle as the first one. But this time, Mr. Punch didn't even bother to open his eyes. He just said in a very deep, sleepy voice:

"Don't bother me. Come back tomorrow."

"No," said Knarf. "This is something we'd like to know about right away."

"Tomorrow will be too late," said Teddy.

"Tomorrow," Mr. Punch kept repeating. "Come back tomorrow."

This time Mr. Punch turned over on his other side, pulled the covers over his head and lay as still as a log.

Knarf and Teddy could hear him breathing. He made a noise like a saw cutting through a piece of wood.

Knarf shook Mr. Punch again, this time not gently at all. Mr. Punch didn't move.

Didn't Move

Teddy shook him. Still Mr. Punch didn't move.

Then Knarf and Teddy both jogged the bed up and down. Mr. Punch bounced up and down but didn't wake up.

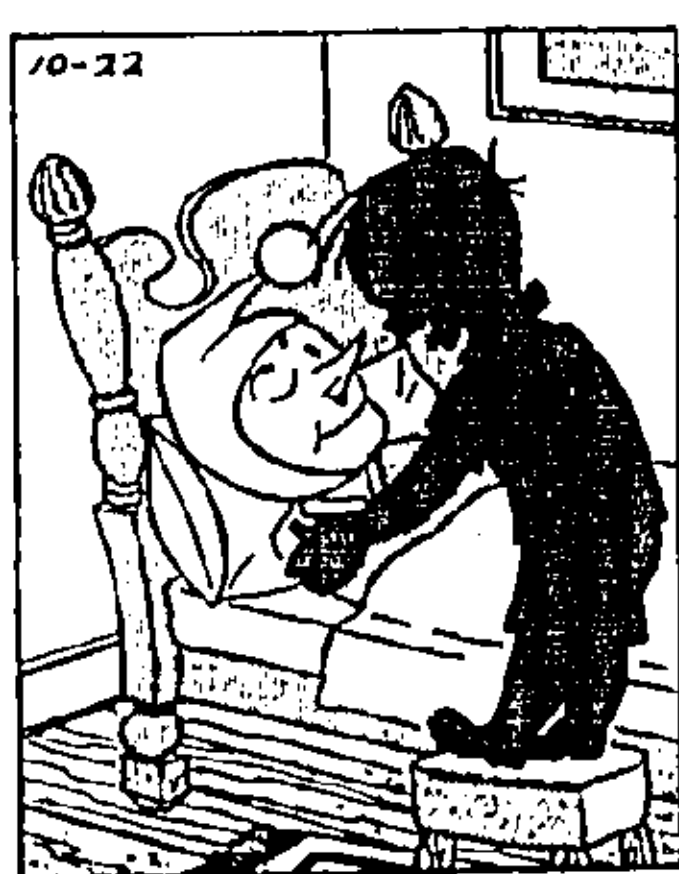
Then Knarf and Teddy began singing at the top of their voices. They sang Yankee Doodle and Swanee River and Pop Goes the Weasel.

By this time, several more people came into the room. Hanid, the Shadow-Girl, came in. Mary Jane, the Rag-Doll and Gloria, the China Doll, came in. General Tin came in. Hilarious, the Small Size Wooden Indian came in with Judy, Mr. Punch's wife. The Dog and Cat came in.

All Shout 1

Everybody gathered about Mr. Punch's bed and shouted and yelled at the same time: "Wake up! Wake up!"

Still Mr. Punch slept on. Then the Canary started singing. He stuck his head out between the bars of his cage and sang and warbled at the top of his lungs.



Knarf shook Mr. Punch but couldn't wake him.

The Dog barked. The Cat meowed. General Tin shot off his musket. Hilarious beat a drum.

And finally, and very much later, Mr. Punch came out from under the blankets to slowly open his eyes. Seeing all his friends around him, he broke into a slow smile. He was now fully awake.

"Now what, may I ask," he said in his very pleasant voice, "do you all want from me on this lovely morning?"

Knarf Spoke

It was Knarf, the Shadow-Boy, who spoke for everybody: "We want to ask you a very important question, Mr. Punch."

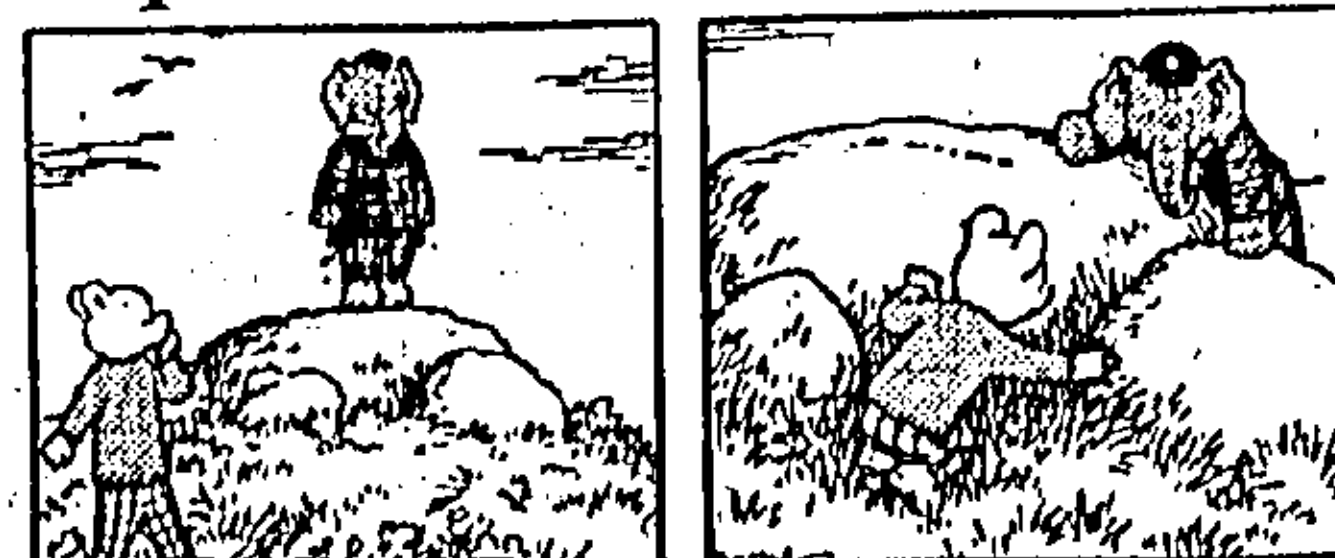
"Ask it," said Mr. Punch. Knarf thought for a moment, then he said:

"Is today your birthday or isn't it?"

"Huh!" exclaimed Mr. Punch in astonishment. "By Jove, you're right! It is!"

"Congratulations!" shouted everybody. And this time, Mr. Punch leaped out of the bed in his pyjamas and went dancing around the room, with everyone dancing behind him.

Rupert and the Carved Stick—44



Rupert quickly catches Edward's excitement. "We must be on the right trail!" he exclaims. "It can't be just chance that a carved wooden stick is up here."

"Well, but what now?" says Edward. He stands on the rock against the rock?

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Mr. Jack Solomons, the London promoter, announced that, at a wedding reception which followed Downes' marriage to Mrs. Barbara Clark, Robinson was willing to meet the 22-year-old British champion in a fight for the world crown in London.

AHEAD

The fight between Robinson and Downes is expected to take place in London on January 1, 1959. Robinson is a former world champion in four weight classes, and Downes is a former world champion in the middleweight class.

KMB 4, Police 2 WHAT A "SOCKER" SHOCKER

May And Bailey Likely To Rest From MCC's Next Game

Peter May, the captain, and Trevor Bailey will probably rest from the MCC side to meet South Australia here on Wednesday.

May has not missed a match since before the first Test match at Brisbane and Bailey is likely to start down on the advice of the specialist treating him for his injured back although the trouble is not regarded as anything serious.

It had been expected that Bailey might have been tried as an opening batsman against South Australia. The four selectors, however, have decided against this in the direction from past experience.

The MCC team for the match will be chosen for further practice tomorrow and Tuesday.

The tourists arrived here today after a smooth flight from Launceston, Tasmania, and went to Glenelg, a nearby seaside resort.

South Australia have named 12 players from whom their side will be chosen.

They are: L. Powell (Captain), G. Stevens, A. Bedford, N. Dunsie, D. Harris, L. Hull, A. Hitchcock, B. Hurn, B. Jarman, J. Lill, J. Martin and P. Trethewey.

Leon Hull, a promising batsman, and Brian Hurn, an all-rounder, have not yet played in a first class match.

They take the places of Colin Pinch, the South Australian captain, who is injured, and Bob Roxby the leg-spinner who has recently played below his best form.—China Mail Special.

Week-End Senior Softball SOUTH CHINA SCORE EASY 13-3 WIN OVER SEMINOLES IN DISAPPOINTING MATCH

By "TIME OUT"

Packed by Ena Remedios' two-hit pitching performance, the University lassies slashed a sixteen-hit attack to hand the winless Toreros a crushing defeat by the convincing score of 26 runs to two in the ladies division.

In the Senior League the Carolines' downed the Seminoles by 13 runs to three and in the Junior division the second-place Dodgers slaughtered the Starbusts by 22 runs to two.

The Senior game between the Saints and the Pandas and the ladies' game between the Mataros and Overeaters were postponed.

Lionel Dayaram's youthful Stardusts played no match for Fred Diesta's Dodgers.

Batting first the Dodgers making full use of two walks, six errors and one hit, notched up six runs to put the game on ice.

The Stardusts replied with a trio in the second but that was as far as they could go.

No Stopping

The Dodgers scored another five runs in the third and there was no stopping them. They continued their slaughter with three runs in the fourth, one in the fifth, five in the sixth and two in the last, making a total of 22.

The Filipinos displayed great power at the plate with fourteen hits. A three-run homer by Lester Wu in the fourth highlighted the game.

The Senior match between the Seminoles and South China was a flop as the Indians had great trouble in hitting the tricky deliveries of South China's "Goose" Wong.

The Indians were also found guilty of ten miscues, six of which were due to shortstop Klondike Wong and resulted in eight runs for the Carolines.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 6th Race Meeting 1958/59 to be held on Thursday 1st and Saturday 3rd January, 1959 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, 61, the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 23rd December, 1958.

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

The Undergrads' big inning came in the fourth. No fewer than 19 batters faced Ann Tiu when the dust settled fourteen runs were notched up.

The Toreros' two runs came in the third when University pitcher Remedios couldn't find the plate. With manager A.G. Ismail taking a "I couldn't cure less" attitude one wonders if the Toreros will end the season with a win.

In conclusion, I should like to take this opportunity of wishing all sportsmen, sportswomen, and supporters a very Merry Christmas and many more to come.

'Lobo' Cup Tennis Interport

The "Lobo" Cup Interport Tennis competition between Hongkong and Macao school-boys will be held on December 27 and 28 at the Urban Council Recreation Club courts, commencing each day at 2.30 p.m.

This year only three singles and two doubles will be played as against ten singles and five doubles in previous years. Hongkong can field a team of ten singles and five doubles easily but Macao finds very great difficulty to raise a team of more than four players.

The following players are selected to represent Hongkong:

SINGLES

Ling Fong, (Captain, DBS), Khauw Boen-lin (St Stephen's), Choy Yuk-kwong (St Paul's).

DOUBLES

Ling Fong (DBS) and Choy Yuk-kwong (SBC), Khauw Boen-lin (SSC) and Chung Pui-ching (SBC).

Reserve: M. Mandal (DBS). R. Popperall (KGV) was selected to play third singles but he is not available because of his participation in a cricket match.

It Was A Day Of Four "B's"—Beef, Brawn, Boot And Bitterness

By I. M. MACTAVISH

Pardon my blushes. I was one of the folks who thought this was going to be one of THE games of the season. How wrong . . . how terribly terribly wrong that pre-match judgment turned out to be.

KMB won by four goals to two but both they and the Police lost friends galore by their respective displays. Twenty-six thousand five hundred fans paid \$55.000 at the Hongkong Stadium for the 'privilege' of watching this brutal apology for a sporting contest. How many better ways such a healthy sum could have been spent.

It was a bitter battle from the start and the complete lack of strength on the part of the referee allowed it to deteriorate into the sort of spectacle that is no credit to anyone connected with it. I can only say that if football prestige has become as important as some of these players made it yesterday then the sooner we get back to a reasonable sense of perspective the better.

Crude tackling was the order of the day and it was hardly surprising that nasty injuries were plentiful. The cauldron finally boiled over just before the end when Tsang Wah and Lau Chi-lam got their marching orders. If the referee had taken similar punitive action long before he did, particularly when there were other deliberate and more disgusting incidents, sanity would surely have been restored.

Chief Culprits

The chief culprits in the game were, strangely enough, the two smallest players on the field. It was in fact one great big flop. As a football team KMB were streets ahead of the Police. They could find their man, they could move into position with instinctive understanding, they could hold the ball purposefully . . . and when the chance came they could snap it up. Moss and his mates lacked this vital cohesion. They were ragged and disjointed.

This incidentally was the occasion the Police side had ever played on the wide open spaces of the Hongkong Stadium. It is tempting to write a report against the background of their having to play in surroundings but I don't believe that would be a just judgment. The Police must stand comment for the side they were yesterday . . . they must stand comment too, divorced from any suggestion of "Boundary Street Blues".

As they played in this game—and I have not seen them in action since early in the season—they were a long way from being potential League Champions. They had glaring weaknesses both in defence and attack and when the fire of their natural enthusiasm started to dwindle they looked a very ordinary team indeed.

Real Weakness

The middle line was a sad disappointment. Kung Wah-kit was too easily tempted out of position and neither Yuen Ho-ping nor Tsang Wah had the class to dictate the course of the play. They gave the front rank poor support.

The real weakness in the side, however, was up front. Moss tried as hard as he always does. He sent several grand headers just outside the goal but far too often the ball was passed to him in a high, dropping lob and Lau Tim beat him to it time after time.

Mak Wing-hung, the Colony's top goal-scorer was never in the game and his partner Tsoi Kin-sang sand-danced his way into trouble far too often. With delightful ball control he would beat his map, beat him again, and again and then instead of getting the ball into the middle he would try one more trick and fail.

There were moments when the right-wing looked promising but later on it faded. After N. Chan-wing was injured by a crude and thoughtless Leung Kit tackle it disappeared altogether.

To me the loudly acclaimed Police side was a great disappointment. I expected something extra special from them. What I got was very very ordinary stuff indeed and Tsang Wah's embittered display brought

the reverse of honour to his fine old club.

For much of what happened, however, the referee must accept the major responsibility. One show of real authority early on would have put a stop to all the progressive unpleasantness. His weakness and unjustified tolerance were the real causes of the trouble.

His action in sending Lau Chi-lam and Tsang Wah off the field came far too late to have any effect on the game . . . and it was strange justice that saw the game's major offender still playing away at the final whistle.

The Pipe Band of the Hongkong Police gave a touch of colour to the sunny afternoon. Their selections were well received by the big crowd who joined in the holiday mood by discharging firecrackers on the terracing. Quick action by the Police put a stop to that dangerous practice.

Caught Napping

It took the Busmen only four minutes to get into the lead. Tsang Wah was penalised out on the KMB right wing. Chow Shiu-hung caught the Police defenders napping with a hard shot and in the ensuing confusion Tsang Wah put the ball into his own net.

Immediately afterwards Chan Chi-kong hit the Police crossbar with Kwok Man-nam badly out of position but at the other end Roy Moss and Tsoi Kin-sang had good tries before the left winger eventually scrambled home the equaliser in the 14th minute.

Police action was short-lived for from the kick-off KMB raced to the other end and within a minute Lau Chi-lam collared Lau Kai-chu's through pass and whipped the ball into the net.

Lau Kam-tong was injured before the interval. He did not take the field with the other players on the resumption and the ten Busmen lost their lead within three minutes.

The referee awarded a penalty kick against the hard-headed KMB and Ng Chuk-lau smashed the ball into the net from the spot.

Worst 10 Minutes

Lau Kam-tong came back heavily bandaged and the Busmen immediately went into their worst ten minutes of the game . . . but they survived the sticky patch and there was a touch of field justice when hobbling Lau Kam-tong caught the whole Police defence on the wrong foot by shooting a glorious goal with his "good" right foot.

The Police challenge faded completely. Powerhouse stuff marred the proceedings and when Lau Kai-chu outwitted the defenders to snatch another goal the game was really over.

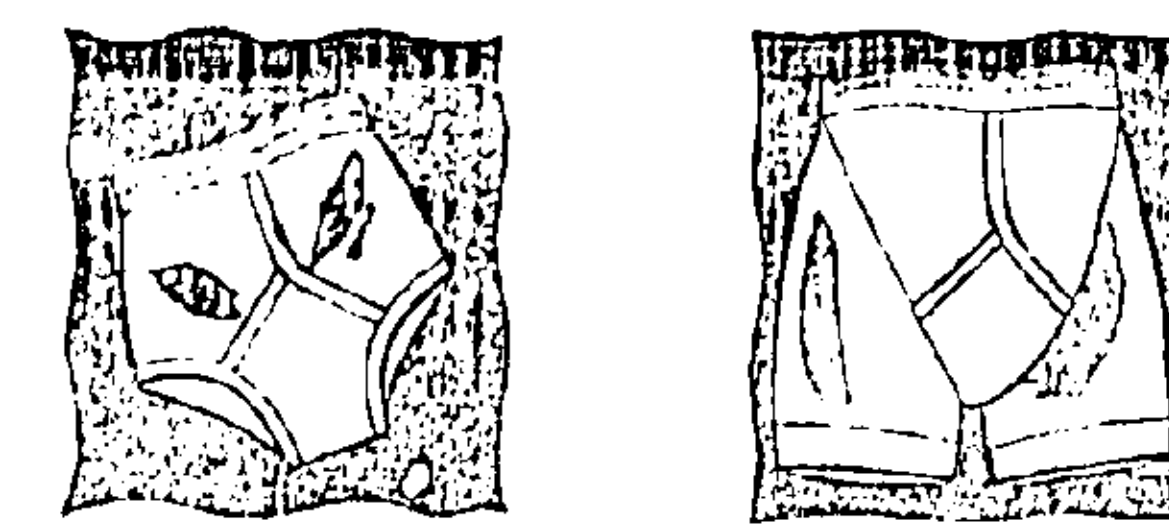
Injuries were still frequent. Goalkeeper Kwok got a quite unnecessary crack on the head from Lau Chi-lam's boot while diving on the ball . . . but the whole game was like that.

The ordering off of Lau Chi-lam and Tsang Wah was merely one more fitting anti-climax to a game that was full of them.

VERDICT: Personally I was glad when it was all over. Need I say more. Is there, no longer pride in club reputation or does anything so nowadays?

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Army South's Rugby Title Hopes Smashed

LOSE TO INSPIRED POLICE XV BY DECISIVE MARGIN

By PAK LO

Army South's hopes of winning the Hexangular Rugby Tournament this season, were smashed to bits on Saturday afternoon when at Kai Tak a Police XV that had to be seen to be believed won not only deservedly but convincingly by 11 points (one goal, two tries) to nine (three tries) in a fast and open match.

On the same ground Army North the reigning champions had little trouble in keeping their place at the top when they beat the RAF by 12 points (two tries, two penalty goals) to three (one penalty goal).

On the other side of the harbour, Club as expected after a forward battle jumped up into second place in the tournament when they defeated their old rivals, the Navy, by eight points (one goal, one try) to nil, while in the minor game Club "B" could find no answer to the strong Whitfield Wanderers side and lost by 12 points (one try, three penalty goals) to six (two tries).

At Boundary Street RAF "B" upset the 1st Lanes by 11 points to eight.

As a result of these matches the Hexangular Table has been completely changed with Army South, once one of the seeded teams, languishing at the bottom of the Table while their counterparts, the Northerners, who were considered only fair, occupy the top place as shown below.

Hexangular Table

| Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Army South | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 15 | 0 |
| Club | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 4 |
| Navy | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 27 | 3 |
| RAF | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 17 | 2 |
| Police | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 32 | 2 |
| Army North | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 30 | 1 | 1 |

Police v. Army South

This was a fine exciting game to watch. Towards the end every single spectator cheered himself hoarse with the supporters of the Police gaining a vocal

ascendancy to such an extent that the Police players themselves commented on it after the game, and said it kept them going in the last few minutes.

The Police opened the game with their usual fumbling tactics, and most spectators began to wish for an abacus to keep the score.

Suddenly after five minutes the Police pack came to life, and from then on played a storming game that upset the Army forwards. A quick try gave the Police the final urge they needed and the three in halves began to play as they had never done all this season.

Excelled

Gunningham excelled in the scrums, winning them almost completely with Army only hooking back three the whole game.

There was a strong cross wind throughout the day, and the Police were expected to gain their three-point lead until they changed over and then Army North would run away with the game.

The Army, however, never had a hope. In the second half Army South should have used the win to gain ground, but instead when they crosskicked or kicked for touch, they worked on the wrong side of the 10-1, and half their kicks went into Police hands.

The Army three, when they got the ball run across field, though Sharp had some lovely straight runs, but once he gave the ball to Goulds the Army attack was over.

Greedy

Goulds insisted on trying to go off on his own and never gave his winger a chance. Even Sharp after a while became greedy, and with the two centres hogging the ball the Army had few hopes of scoring.

Among the forwards Maider was good in the loose and line-outs but his pack did not give him as much help as the Police pack did to their forwards.

The Police well they were terrific. O'Hare at scrum-half though a little slow in getting the ball out was passing beautifully and Black was always a danger.

Wonderful Game

Everyone of the Police three was good, and their passing was a very different thing from the last few weeks. Dunn played a wonderful game at full-back, and was seldom beaten. The Police pack, while not dominant in the line-outs, were much superior in the loose with Bryan and Roberts the stars. In fact if the Police had tackled low as did Dunn, Army South

would have left the field without scoring.

The Police pack started an attack in the seventh minute from deep inside their own half, and there was a lineout five yards from the Army line. Police got the ball and Bryan took it and charged his way through to score. No conversion 3-0.

The Army levelled the score a few minutes later when Sharp got the ball on the Police 25, slipped through the defence to send Warrington over in the corner. No conversion 3-3.

For the next ten minutes Army South maintained a territorial advantage and Birdsell hit the upright with a penalty conversion from twenty yards out.

Narrow Misses

Just on time Johnston who touch-kicked beautifully all day hacked the ball through the Army three and some very fast following-up by the Police saw the ball go to McEwan who scored near the posts, Roberts converted, 6-3.

The Police in the second half missed narrowly with a penalty conversion but in the seventh minute after very strong pressure by the Police, a scrum was ordered five yards from the Army line. Black got the ball tried to go through and as usual was caught, but O'Hare got the ball and barged through to score. Roberts' kick missed by the thickness of the paint on the goal posts, 11-6.

The Army kicked off from this try and the Police tumbled at last and a five-yard scrum resulted. The ball came out smoothly to Sharp who scored in the corner. No conversion, 11-9.

The Police thereafter pressed steadily until the final whistle but did not score again.

RAF v. Army North

Like their compatriots, Army North played the first half against the wind with Phillips dropping back to fly-half behind Bingham to make sure that the ball got moving when it came out.

Wynn and Muniz again to a large extent dominated the line-outs, and the Army played a very tight game in the first half against the wind, but as soon as they had the wind opened the game up, with Phillips moving up to scrum-half and

again playing very well indeed. Bede-Cox was good again, but Leppard was not extended in defence.

The Armen on the other hand kicked badly, invariably giving the Army plenty of chances. Among them, Martin had some bright spells and the RAF three overall were quite good but no match for the Army.

Bede-Cox especially was always a thorn in the RAF's side. He converted one penalty and also scored one try, while Phillips scored near the end in the corner. Blackebury converted a difficult kick for the RAF to make the final score, 9-2.

Club v. Navy

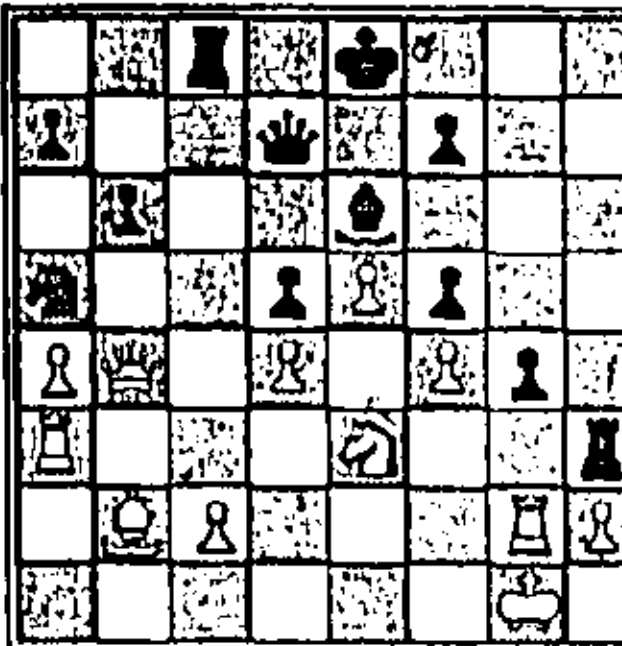
The Club kept the ball fairly tight in this game, and Navy were in trouble throughout without regular possession of the ball. Mainga was again good, while Delaney and Watson were the mainstays of the defence.

The Club were almost continually on the attack with their three definitely looking the better combination, and moving very smoothly.

Steven opened the scoring for the Club with a nice try which gave the Club a three-point lead. There was no further scoring until the last minute of the game, when from a scrum five, Bennett got the ball and whipped through to score. McEvan converted to make it, 8-10.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN

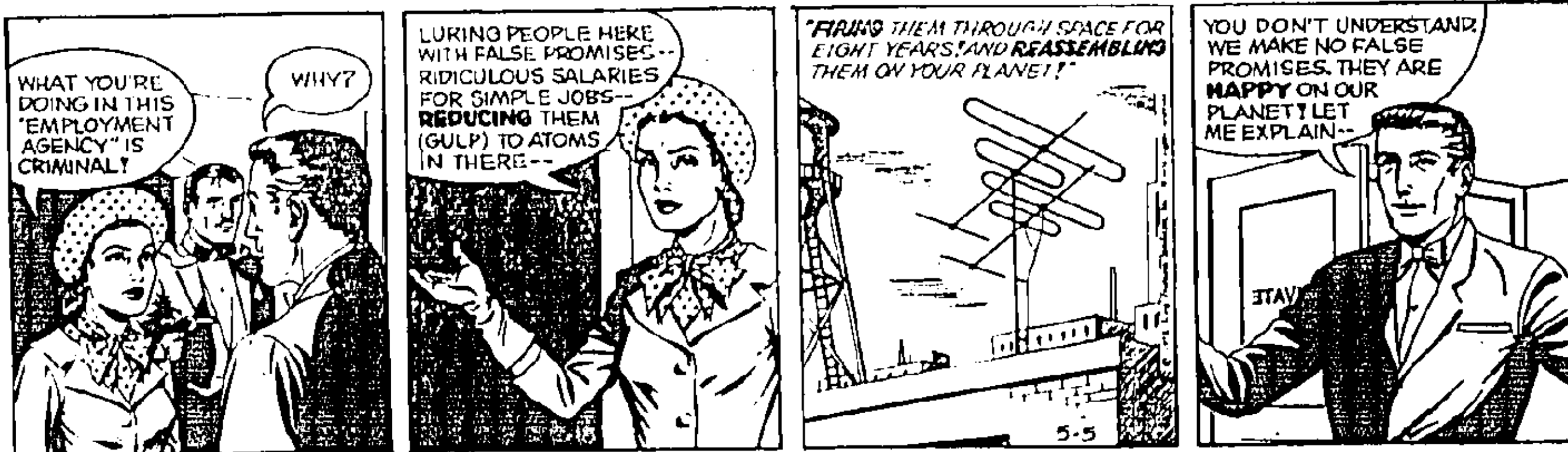


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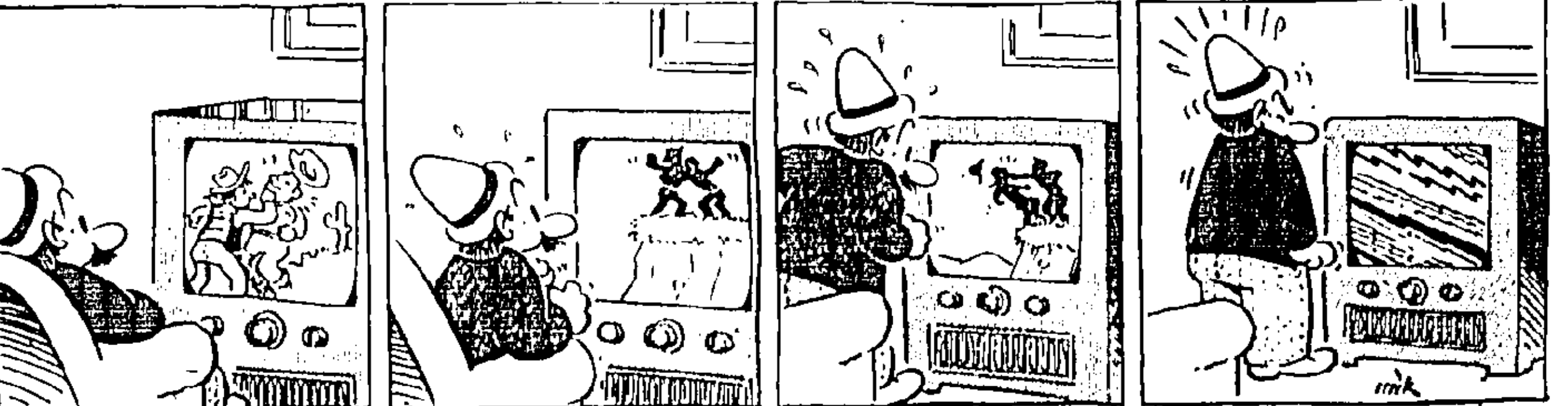
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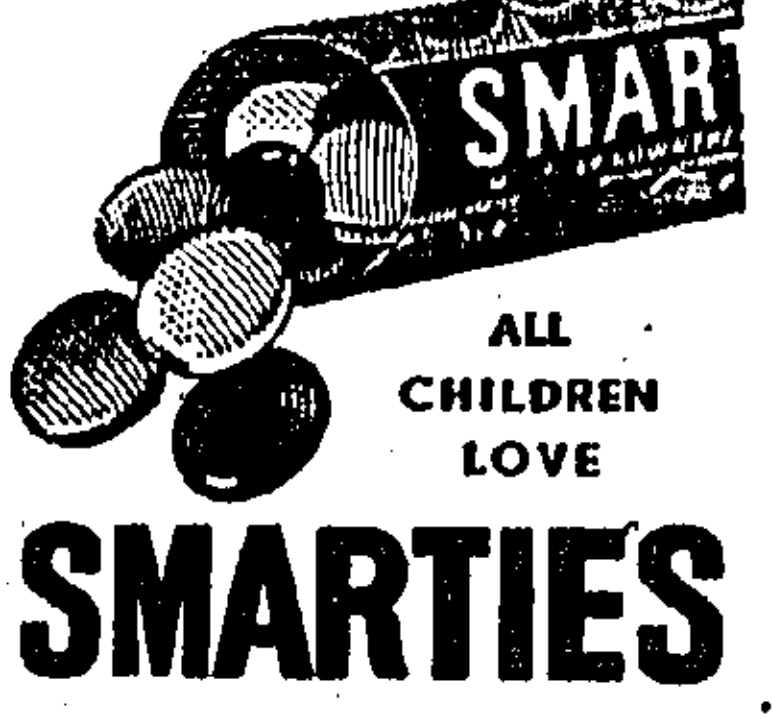
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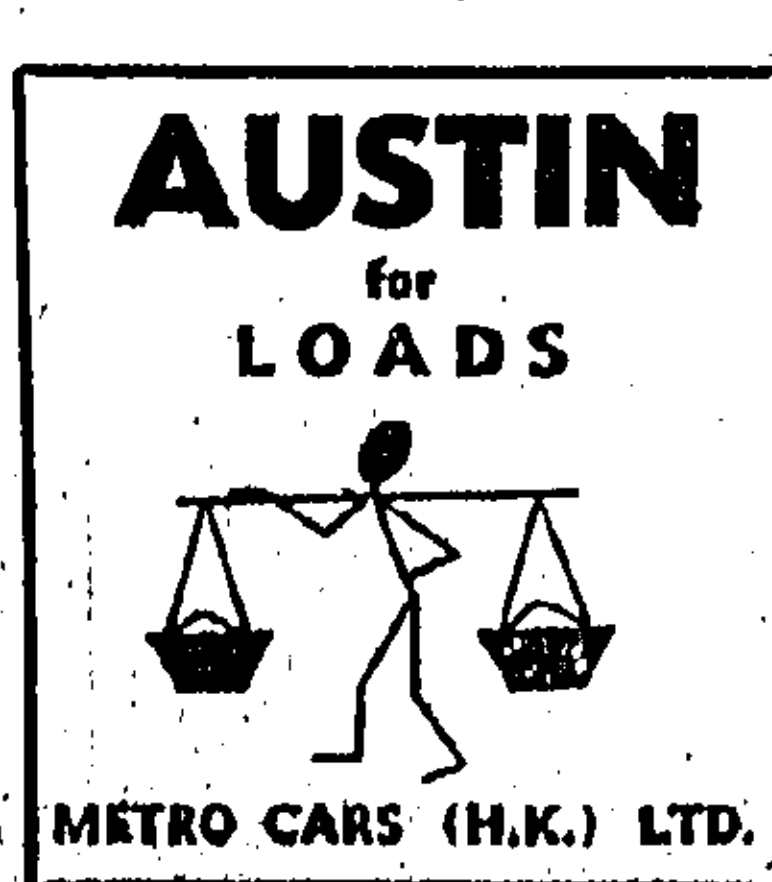
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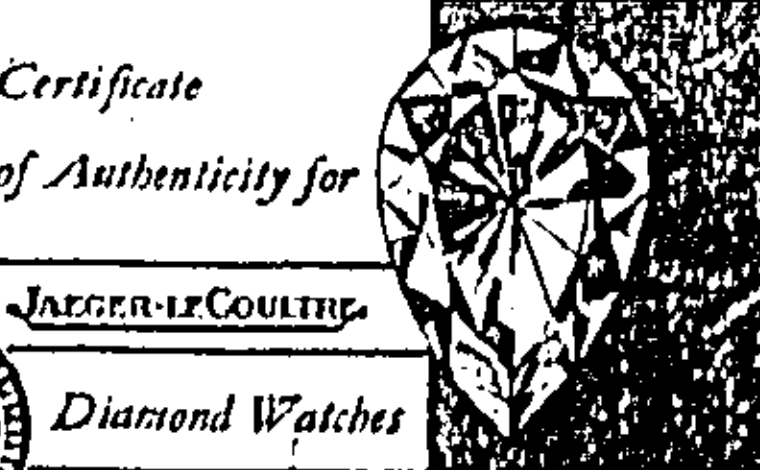
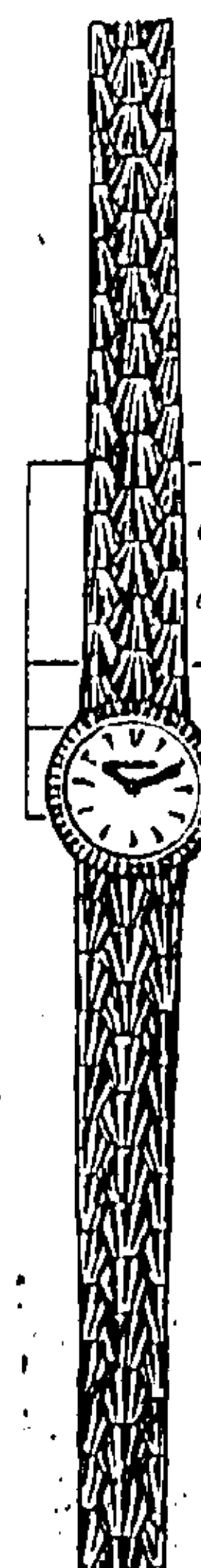


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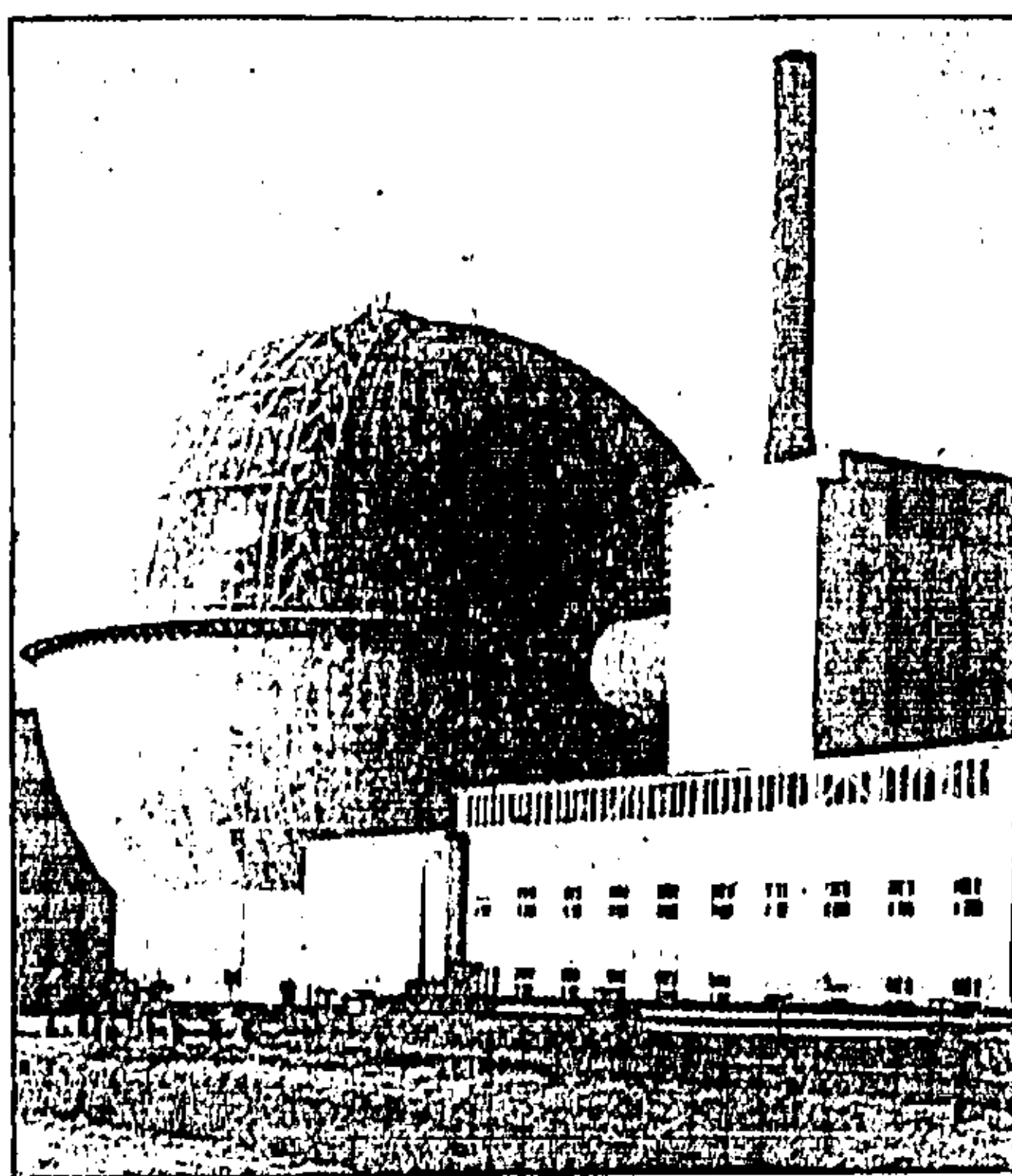
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the industrial group of the UK Atomic Energy authority, in which they plan to build large scale versions of reactor types suitable for producing electrical power in the future. Central Press Photo.

Experiments To Take Pollution Out Of Car Exhausts

A DEVICE for removing carbon monoxide from the exhaust gases of road vehicles has been developed at Britain's Fuel Research Station. This is stated in the report of the station for 1957.

The device referred to in the report consists of a catalyst mounted in the exhaust pipe. During actual tests, it is said, it was capable of removing 85 per cent of the carbon monoxide and 80 per cent of the hydrogen in an exhaust under all conditions of operation of the engine.

FIRST PHASE

This was the first phase of tests being made to determine the effectiveness of a catalytic device for reducing the amount of air pollution and on the synthesis of oil from coal. The operation of the laboratory will be completed by the Spring of next year.

The new laboratory will be the centre for research into air pollution in the U.K. Work will be carried out on the reduction of pollution from factories, or other appliances, or on the chemical reactions of pollutants in the atmosphere and on dispersal and convective processes in the atmosphere.

ENVISAGE

The report goes on that with the rapidly developing use of nuclear energy it is now possible to envisage a future surplus of low grade coal of the kind now consumed by power stations. Such coal could be converted into liquid fuels and town gas by a combination of gasification and Fischer-Tropsch synthesis.

The report also states that a new small portable instrument which can be used in place of the old coating of paint with a drop cloth.

The operation of the compound, which is based on non-inflammable methylene chloride, depends on the use of a chemical reaction which breaks down the bond between the paint film and the surface underneath it and yet which does not attack or harm that surface. The remover has been developed by E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. Inc., Wilmington 90, Delaware, U.S.A.

Weekly Survey Of American Economy

INSTALLMENT BUYING DROP

Consumers In No Rush To Take On Additional Debt

New York, Dec. 21.

Perhaps the most significant development of the week in the U.S. economy was the survey which showed that American consumers are in no rush to take on additional installment debt.

Much of the American economy and standard of living is based upon installment buying. If consumers move only cautiously in this area for the next several months or more, the recovery from the recession will be just that much slower.

A strong demand for durable goods, most of which are paid for via installment credit had been expected in this last month of 1958 and in 1959, with the 1959 model automobiles leading the list.

First Time

But a nation-wide survey by Business Week magazine showed that consumers, although in a position to do so, are not rushing to obtain credit. The consumers, who entered 1958 with a record debt load of \$4.1 billion dollars, have been busily reducing that figure by more than one billion dollars.

For the first time since the end of the war, total outstanding installment debt for a year (in this case 1958) will be less than that of the previous year. Overall, the American consumers can afford to take on additional installment debt, but they are not doing so, not even in the Christmas rush. There is some pre-Christmas gain in credit demand, but it is far from a boom.

Much of the drop in installment credit is in auto sales, where the installment figure has fallen 463 million since July, offsetting a gain of 381 million in other installment paper. With auto production of 59 models hampered by strikes until a few weeks ago, dealers say they have not had a real chance to test the market, but that there are few signs of a rush to buy the new cars on credit. A large portion of the buyers so far have been cash purchasers.

Essential

Most economists have agreed that a strong market in automobiles is an essential for continued economic recovery in 1959. If the consumers remain wary of installment buying on autos, and on refrigerators, washing machines, television sets and all the other durable goods which are so important in U.S. industry, the business recovery, which was very fast once it got underway, but now has slowed appreciably, might even halt entirely and remain at current levels.

Two things appeared to be responsible for the unexpected slowdown in installment credit: First, there is the "caution" almost fear-of the consumer, who wants to be absolutely sure that the recession is gone, that his job is safe, and that he can afford to go into debt.



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Midget Thermometer For Aquariums

A MIDGET thermometer for use in aquariums is being produced by a British company. The thermometer, which measures one inch in diameter, is contained in an aluminium case which has been treated to make it non-corrodible. It can be mounted by a rubber suction ring, inside the tank and under the water.

This thermometer is claimed to be the only one of its kind in the world, manufactured specially for fish tanks, and the firm have now discovered a means of vacuum sealing the instrument. A guarantee that it is completely waterproof can now be given, because of this development.

The thermometer measures from 40 degrees to 110 degrees F, and can also be supplied with a centigrade scale. In the last three months, over 2,000 of these novel instruments have been exported to Canada and America. (Singletree Bros. (Instruments) Ltd., Alverton, Penzance, Cornwall, England).

Second, there is the fact that terms are not so favourable as in 1955, the last year of heavy installment buying. Then, many cars were bought on terms of very little down and 42 months to pay; now the companies want one-third down and 24 to 30 months to pay.

Hardest Hit

In connection with the recession fear, some money dealers note that the people hardest hit by the recession were those who make the most use of installment buying. These low-income and moderate-income families need their money for essentials. Then, too, in some areas the unemployment rate remains at as much as seven per cent. "That has taken the time buyers, the working people, out of the car market," said Philadelphia dealers.

But this disquieting note on installment buying, which could be a harbinger of a slump or simply be a breather before a nation fully restored in confidence plunges into a new boom, was about the only non-optimistic feature in the state of 1959 business forecasts by experts in all fields.—U.P.I.

COTTON FUTURES BECOME TWO-SIDED

New York, Dec. 21.

Cotton futures trading became more of a two-sided affair this week, with old crop months retreating while later deliveries scored a fair-sized gain.

At Friday's close the list ruled 23 lower to 26 points higher, or 1.15 to up 1.30 a bale compared with the preceding week.

Liquidation in the March-May deliveries reflected a rise in the certificated stock to 60,090 bales—a new three-year high—with the resultant expectations for heavy contract tenders against the spring months.

The lack of sustained rallying power in face of the continued heavy producer loan impositions, plus the discouragingly slow demand for old and new crop months, led to a slow-down in the cotton futures market activity, brought scattered realising.

Selling for year-end tax reasons and the undoing of straddle positions at the narrowing differences between old and new crop months provided other trading features.

The net stock of 1958 crop cotton under loan amounts to 4,190,541 bales vs 1,228,685 bales last year. Despite the big increase, some traders indicated disappointment, since they thought at least 5,000,000 would be under loan by the year-end holidays.

Southern sources explained that some cotton was being withheld for year-end tax reasons and that the rate of entries would likely be speeded up after the New Year. Some quarters maintained a belief that loan entries for the full season will reach 7,000,000 bales.

Raw cotton exports for the season to Dec. 16 totalled 1,169,651 bales vs 2,050,504 bales to the same time last year, according to the New York Cotton Exchange.—U.P.I.

With many weavers shutting down for the Christmas holidays and with mill inventories on the small side, selling agents booked only a token amount of business, mostly for immediate need.

Opinion consensus indicated a continued slow situation until after the New Year.

But the market maintained a firm tone, with some sellers of bag sheetings, drills, twills and

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$184,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

| Shares | Buyers | Sellers | Rates |
|--------------|--------|---------|--------------|
| DANIES | | | |
| HSBC Bank | 100 | 800 | |
| INSURANCES | | | |
| London | 20 | | |
| SHIPPING | | | |
| Whitcomb | | 500 | |
| DOCKS, ETC. | | | |
| K. Wharf | 100 | | |
| Dock | 445 | | |
| President | 1100 | 1200 | |
| LAND, ETC. | | | |
| HSBC Land | 210 | 210 | 500 to 2100 |
| Realty | 30 | 200 | 1700 to 3045 |
| | | | 200 to 3125 |
| | | | 300 to 3925 |
| Realty | 140 | 150 | |
| RUBBER | | | |
| A. Tawah | 230 | | |
| UTILITIES | | | |
| United | 200 | 200 | 1000 to 1030 |
| Star Ferry | 100 | | 500 to 1020 |
| Yunmatt | 90 | 50 | 500 to 1020 |
| C. Light | 10 | 10 | 500 to 1020 |
| Macao K | 610 | | |
| Tel. (Rie) | 240 | 240 | 1200 to 2400 |
| | 750 | 750 | 1000 to 1200 |
| | 750 | 750 | 700 to 750 |
| INDUSTRIALS | | | |
| Centent | 2500 | 500 | 20 to 250 |
| STORES, ETC. | | | |
| Wahson | 10 | 10 | 100 to 120 |
| Wahson | 1200 | 1200 | |
| INVESTMENTS | | | |
| Int. Inv. | 520 | | |

WALL STREET CLIMBS TO NEW RECORD HIGHS

New York, Dec. 21.

American Telephone & Telegraph capital whisked the stock market into new record high ground during the past week when it broke an old custom and split its stock three-for-one.

Wall Street and the nation were taken by surprise when the announcement came on Wednesday that the company voted also to raise the dividend by 10 per cent which would make the new stock pay \$3.30 a share annually.

The market had been edging before the telephone bombshell but it took that piece of vital market news to put the market over the top of the old industrial high set on November 17.

Stock Split

Other items of interest were the listing of great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company capital shares, representing a 10-for-one split of the old stock, and the merger of J. P. Morgan & Co. and Guaranty Trust Company into a 4-billion bank.

The best prices of the week were set late in the Thursday session. On Friday it ran into the inevitable profit-taking that comes at a weekend of steady advance.

Despite the realising industrial and utilities' closed the week at their highest—industrial at an all-time record, and utilities at a new top since mid-1930.

Industrials made their best gain since the week ended November 7 when the market was in a post-election spurt on belief the Democratic victory meant more and more spending and inflation. The average of 43 stocks also set a new record high.

Dow-Jones

American Telephone rose \$23 above the previous close for the first trade when the stock reopened on a block of 75,000 shares at \$22.25 a share. The stock closed on Wednesday on a gain of 21 points. Next day it ran up to a new high since 1930 at \$22.75. At that figure the value of the outstanding 70,150,000 shares was \$1,582,487,500.

At the close of the week, the Dow-Jones industrial average stood at 573.17 up 10.90 on 0.02; utility 89.00 up 1.05; and 05 stocks 198.01 up 2.70.

Traders were disappointed over the performance of the railroad issues which still are 3.25 points under their November 19 high.

Among the issues making up the industrial average, there were fewers of a point to more than two points in International Harvester and more than three in United Aircraft. General Electric rose more than

Knocked Down

In the Friday session profit-taking hit the electronics hard. Also Chance Vought was knocked down when the Navy cancelled its Regular 11 missile contract. Chance Vought lost nine points on the week.

Republic Steel featured its section with a gain of more than four. Reynolds metals up more than three featured the aluminum group. Utilities had gains ranging to more than three points in Consolidated Edison. Great Atlantic & Pacific opened on the big board at 59 on a block of 15,000 shares. That represented a rise of 3 1/2 points from the previous close on the American stock exchange allowing for the 10-for-1 split. The issues settled back later and closed the week at \$48 1/2 off 5 points net.

Sales for the week totalled 18,651,439 shares. A daily average of 3,731,280 shares. This compared with last week's total of 19,094,014 shares or a daily average of 3,818,992 shares.—U.P.I.

QUIET WEEK ON LONDON MARKETS

London, Dec. 21.

It has been a very quiet week for stock markets but they have been very firm. In particular, equities have done well through buying by institutions and unit trusts and the Financial Times index for industrial ordinary shares closed the week at the three-year high of 216.5.

Another feature of the week has been the turn for the better taken by British funds. There has been little to comment on in this market but investment buying has resulted in small gains which added up over the week. The firmer tone in gilts was also partly due to the feeling that the Government is now ready to see some drop in the long-term rate of interest.

And also partly due to the flurry of currency movements set off by the breakdown of the free trade area talks. Turnovers of franc devaluation and other rumours that the British Treasury may soon emerge the official and transference rates of sterling.

Premium

With the official premium at all week long, interest in the dollar security market has been at a low ebb with the relative quietness on Wall Street the principal reason. The foreign bond market was unexciting with further inquiry for Japanese issues the main feature. But even this was rather widespread nor large. Greek bonds received some support but this was later shunted off by profit-taking.

In the industrial market the interest has been fairly widespread helped by favourable comment and company news items like scrip issues, dividends etc.

British Aluminium has been rising encouraged by hopes that the tube investments offer would prevail over Alcoa's but the shares are still some way off their previous high. The foreign bond market was unexciting with further inquiry for Japanese issues the main feature. But even this was rather widespread nor large. Greek bonds received some support but this was later shunted off by profit-taking.

Oil shares were depressed by the news from Venezuela, particularly the speculative type such as Ultramar which was sold sharply. The leaders Uke B. P. and Shell were much firmer.

The Kafir market was brighter, most of the week. A number of the more popular Orange Free State issues received fresh support. Finance house shares were also wanted. In base metals Bankcroft was the most popular share in copper. Tin shares eased in some cases but lead-zincs were fairly well maintained.

There was a firmer tone in rubber shares with Indonesians popular.—U.P.I.

Bank Of England Statement

London, Dec. 21.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Dec. 11, reads as follows:

| Notes in circulation | 2,104,301,123 |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Public deposits | 14,171,523 |
| Private deposits | 208,412,292 |
| Government securities | 240,244,250 |
| Other securities | 35,977,198 |
| Reserves | 124 |
| Ratio | 124 |

Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Dec. 21.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Dec. 11, reads as follows:

| Total gold holdings | 2,670,000,000 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total other currencies | 9,473,109,497 |
| Sight balances in E.F.U. | 14,123,200,000 |
| Advances to states | 1,000,000,000 |
| Total bills discounted | 2,012,100,401,511 |
| Notes in circulation | 2,708,000,000,000 |
| Current accounts and deposits | 438,010,750,503 |

—U.P.I.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

| U.S. dollar (per \$1) | 0.55 |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Sterling note (per £1) | 12.98 |
| Australian note (per £1) | 6.74 |
| Indonesian rupiah (per 100) | 0.60 |
| Siamese baht (per 100) | 0.18 |
| Singapore (dollar) | 1.21 |

Weekly U.S. Cotton Goods Market

New York, Dec. 21. Holiday influences held new business in the cotton grey goods markets to less than a routine rate this week.

With many weavers shutting down for the Christmas holidays and with mill inventories on the small side, selling agents booked only a token amount of business, mostly for immediate need.

Opinion consensus indicated a continued slow situation until after the New Year.

But the market maintained a firm tone, with some sellers of bag sheetings, drills, twills and

ducks marking prices up 1/4 to 1/2 cent a yard. Trade sources estimated mills will go into the first quarter of 1959 with an order backlog of about 400,000 yards, the greatest since the Korean buying boom, and equal to 17 weeks production.

Converters reported a "good business" in finished goods, but some outlets and retailers were cautious about going beyond January. Consumers keep in mind the possibility for lower raw cotton prices next year on a larger acreage and with lower government price supports. New cotton for delivery in October 1959 now is selling around three cents a pound cheaper than the current market.

Sellers of wide industrial fabrics reported a small, but steady flow of orders, with some fabrics moving into a light supply situation for the next 60 days. Mill executives detected indications of heavy first quarter commitments to be placed after the New Year.

Cotton mill yarn spinners reported the traditional holiday slowdown. Both combed and carded prices held steady with fewer reports of premium offers than a month ago when knitters were ordering catch-up supplies for Christmas sales. Coarse carded carpet yarns held firm at recent advances, although the demand has dropped off sharply in the past fortnight.

Hard fibres featured strength in steel, while burlap prices softened in face of a lower cutta market and large July crop prospects. Hemp held firm and mostly unchanged. Sisal sources indicated Brazilian offerings may be reduced still further because of a drought in growing areas. Some traders thought the dry weather might cut the Brazilian crop about 20 per cent compared with the current season's crop.

Boston wool traders reported activity at a practical standstill in the worsted yarn market, although prices were quietly unchanged. Rayon grey goods sellers reported a holiday lull, although the slowdown was mild to less marked than usual.—U.P.I.

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'This Bag Contains Opium'

Snr Superintendent T. Cashman of the Narcotics Bureau said in evidence in the Victoria District Court this morning that he heard on board a ship a man tell Police Officers on the point of opening a suitcase in his cabin: "I would like to tell you the truth, this suitcase contains opium."

The superintendent said that the man, Curran Rahim, who was sentenced to three years' gaol last Friday by Judge B.J. Jennings for possession of opium, had then said that the suitcase did not belong to him.

"The suitcase had no labels on it and when asked if he had reported the presence of a suitcase under his bed to the ship's authorities, Curran said No," Superintendent Cashman said.

Superintendent Cashman who was giving evidence against Farhat Lacha, Ibrahim, 36, Textile Merchant of Tanganyika, charged with possession of opium and conspiracy and The Takman alias Matthew Chow, charged with conspiracy, said that when told this, Ibrahim who shared Curran's cabin had denied ownership of the suitcase.

Chief Inspector C. Smith is prosecuting, assisted by DSI D. McMahon. The case is being heard before Judge B. J. Jennings.

Sailor Fined

A 21-year-old able seaman, J. Williamson, of HMS Chichester, was charged with common assault before Mr. A. L. Leathem at Central Magistrate's Court this morning. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$75 or 21 days in prison.

HONGKONG TUG BEGINS LONG OCEAN TOW

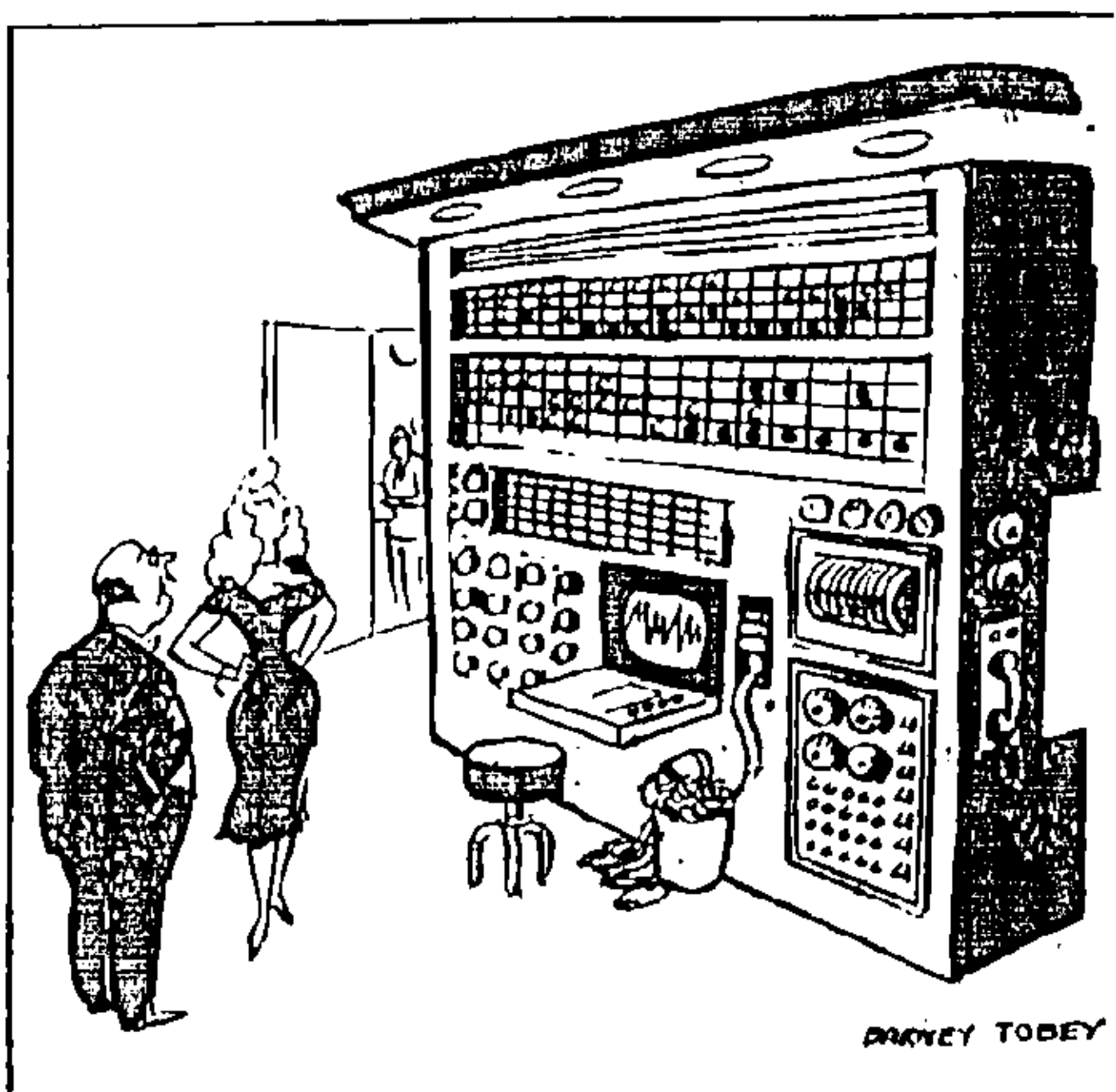
Nelson, N.Z., Dec. 11—By Airmail.

The Hongkong ocean-going tug Cabrilla sailed from here today for her home port with two old coastal vessels in tow.

They are the 950-ton Rata and the 650-ton Murray, both for many years employed on the coastal New Zealand trade for the Anchor Shipping Company of Nelson.

Captain A. Conejero, master of the tug, said before he sailed he hoped to average three knots with a favourable trade wind for the 5,000-mile voyage.

This Funny World



"Probably just needs a drop of oil somewhere. I hardly think it would give you a wolf whistle."

The little convoy will make only one stop en route, at Townsville in Queensland to refuel, and will sail through the Torres Strait north of Australia.

The ships are expected to reach Townsville in about 25 days and Hongkong in just over two months.

Deserted

The Cabrilla carries a crew of 20—all Filipinos. On board the Rata is Captain J. S. Bor of Hongkong with five Filipinos but the Murray is a deserted ship.

The three vessels are in line with the tug leading and the Murray last. They are linked by chain bridges and wire hawsers.

Some steam pressure is being kept up on the Rata which carries sufficient coal for four days steaming in case of emergency.

The two old steamers have been moored side by side in Nelson for more than a year since they were laid up. They have been purchased by the Lanena Shipping Company of Hongkong for coastal trade in Chinese waters.

Veterans

Both the Cabrilla and her master are veterans of long ocean tows. They are employed by their owners, the Pacific Islands Shipping Company Ltd., in distributing new tonnage built by the company.

Recently the Cabrilla towed a string of oil barges to Kuwait and on the voyage out to New Zealand had behind her three barges for the Auckland (New Zealand) Harbour Board and a coastal vessel for the Fiji Government.

Another tug owned by the company is at present en route to New Zealand with a string of new barges.

FIVE HURT IN WEEKEND ROAD MISHAPS

Five people — three of them young children — were injured in traffic accidents over the weekend. All the injured have been admitted to hospital for treatment.

A five-year-old boy, Kwun Wah of 209, "K" Block, second floor, Tai Hang Tung Resettlement Area, Shamshuipo, was knocked down by a private car in Boundary Street near its junction with Tai Hang Tung Road at 4.45 p.m. yesterday.

Earlier in the afternoon, a six-year-old girl, Kwok Shu-ying of Ching Sun Terrace, Shek Kip Mei was hit by a commercial lorry in Nan Chang Street, Shamshuipo.

A woman, Wong Oi-wah, aged 20, of No. 65 Hau Pui Loong Road, first floor, was knocked down by a private car in Sheung Heung Road near its junction with Pau Chung Street, Hung Hom.

On Saturday afternoon, a three-year-old girl, Lau Kwai-heung of No. 512, Second Street, Fu Mei Village, was hit by a private car near the Kai Tak Rifle Range.

A male pedestrian, Cheong Shu-kwong, aged 45, of No. 11A, Jardine Hill was knocked down by a tram car in Causeway Bay Road near Moreton Terrace on Saturday afternoon.

Two Fined \$750: Court Told Of Gold Smuggling From Macao

A 31-year-old seaman, Wong Ping, of 273 Main Street East, Shauiwan, first floor, was fined \$750 this morning when he pleaded guilty to importing 20 bars of gold, worth approximately \$27,000, without a permit.

He appeared before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central.

Senior Revenue Inspector W. L. Stone, prosecuting, told the Court that early on Friday morning, acting on information, Revenue Sub-Inspector Yuen Chau, went to the Ming Sang Wharf to wait for the arrival of a motor vessel the "Wing Shun Lee", from Macao.

The vessel came alongside at 7.30 a.m.

Wong left the vessel three hours later. Just outside the wharf gate, he was stopped by Inspector Yuen and asked if he had anything to declare, particularly gold. He said No.

He was taken back to the vessel and in the presence of the master of the vessel, he was searched and found to have a cloth belt around his waist.

Twenty bars of gold were found inside.

In mitigation, Wong asked for leniency saying that he had borrowed the \$1,000 for his bail. He added that he was carrying the gold for someone else.

In another case of a similar nature, a 34-year-old coolie, Kwok Kau, was also fined \$750 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo for importing 11 bars of gold.

Kwok was arrested also on Friday by the same Sub-Inspector Yuen Chau, who waited for the arrival of the ss. Tak Shing from Macao. Kwok denied that he had anything to declare when asked by the Inspector.

However, Kwok was later taken to Queen Mary Hospital where an X-Ray examination revealed the 11 bars of gold concealed inside his body.

STUDENTS COMING TO HK ON STUDY TOUR

By DAVID T. K. WONG

Singapore
Thirty-two Nanyang University students, currently on their three-and-a-half-month university vacation, will be visiting Hongkong next month as part of a ten-week study tour.

The tour, organized for students in the Commerce Faculty, will also visit Formosa and the Philippines.

"Part of the tour will include discussions with business leaders in the three territories," a spokesman for Nanyang University said.

Another study tour is being organized for 48 students of the History and Geography Departments of the university.

They will go to India to study the early communications between India and China and to study the social and economic situation in India.

Theft From Cars

Four cases involving the theft of articles from vehicles parked in the streets of the Colony during the weekend have been reported to the Police. Articles stolen included cameras and clothing. In one case, a suspect was detained.

LIFE IN A THAMES HOUSEBOAT

Suzette Stone, Former China Mail Reporter, Tells Of A Novel Venture In London . . .

by Kathleen Allen

HOUSEBOAT life on the Thames these days offers more than just an exciting and fashionable place in which to entertain your friends. It's downright economical too!

According to Miss Suzette Stone, a former Hongkong resident who has recently returned to the Colony for a six weeks visit, it's inexpensive and provides the answer for those seeking peace and quiet.

Unlike many London dwellings that fall to the lot of a working girl, the houseboat has adequate plumbing, cooking facilities, lighting and even a telephone.

It's cosy and comfortable, has open fires and a central heating arrangement whereby radiators operate off the boiler.

High Rents

And where else, for the same price, could you get an uninterrupted view of the river from your bedroom window?

It all began in 1956 when, fed up with high rents and furnished rooms, Miss Stone bought an old sailing ship at Hampton Court. From there she had it towed through the locks and down the river to a site on the Chelsea embankment.

Its generous dimensions of 85 feet in length and 22 feet in width offered immense possibilities for conversion and before long, workmen had it turned into a variety of flats, with all the comforts normally restricted to a Mayfair residence.

Decorating it throughout with an eye for both colour and comfort, Miss Stone incorporated one or two foreign and native touches such as gay Hongkong lanterns and a revolving ship's wheel converted into a coffee table.

Seven Tenants

Recently she added another cabin on deck and now has seven tenants. Her own apartments, situated in the stern, boast the additional enchantment of a large window, which permits a full view of the river activity.

"Just swans and ducks end me at that end," she says, "making it an ideal setting for my work." At present Miss Stone is writing a novel. Begun last

spring, she hopes to have it ready for publication next summer.

And just as an ordinary building has its 'ups' and 'downs' and semi-disasters, so has the houseboat. The most recent of upsets occurred three days before Miss Stone was to leave for Hongkong.

When the tide went out that day the ship settled down as

usual into the mud, but must have struck something sharp for it suddenly sprung a leak and the craft began to flood.

"All hands were piped on deck," recalls Miss Stone with a chuckle, "and action stations assumed."

Fortunately, however, the matter was settled by telephone and before long they were towed over to a beach. Then, for 2½ days, while workmen made the necessary repairs, the inhabitants camped outdoors by candlelight.

"We were dry though," she says, "I love every minute of it. So much, in fact, that I am hoping

her for it was there that she was born and spent part of her childhood. Miss Stone, a one-time reporter on the China Mail, went to England in 1953 and since then has worked on the Evening Standard, Sunday Express and the Evening News. She has also had considerable experience broadcasting for the BBC.

Late in January of next year, Miss Stone will return to England with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. L. B. Stone. They will sail from Hongkong to Naples and then complete their journey through Italy and France by road.

THE search for diamonds, which has long gone on underground in South Africa, is now going on under the sea.

Five frogmen from Capetown have begun diving off the coast of diamond-rich South-West Africa in search of the precious stones.

Their search results from a Supreme Court decision in South Africa ruling that only a certain mining company had the right to mine minerals between high and low water marks along the coast—up to now a favourite place for freemance prospectors.

Two of the prospectors, Japie Ehlers and John Viviers, decided to explore further out to sea and in the sand they found 38 diamonds.

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THE marathon race around the city of Canton to be held on February 24, will start at noon from the public athletic field on Taitung (Great East) Road.

The runners will complete three circuits of the athletic field before taking off to run along the roads which encircle Canton. After returning to Taitung Road, the winner will be the first runner to complete one further circuit of the public athletic field track.

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Bird's Eye: A London collector recently bought for U.S.\$20,000, eight of Napoleon's love letters. It seems, says the Boston Herald, a large price, until you recall that there are men still living who have paid more than that for their own.

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FROM Bucharest came the report that the Prime Minister of Rumania, Dr. Duca was shot dead by a student at the Sinaia Railway Station. Three bullets from the assassin's revolver struck the Premier in the head, just after having an audience with King Carol.

The student was arrested. His name is Constantinescu, and he is believed to be a member of the disbanded anti-Semitic "Iron Guard" organisation.

He had three accomplices, but he himself firstly threw a bomb before firing the shots at Dr. Duca. One of Dr. Duca's ministers who was standing beside the Premier was seriously wounded. M. Angelescu, the Minister for Education, now becomes acting Prime Minister.

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Asuncion, Paraguay: The governments of Paraguay and Bolivia have agreed to prolong the Christmas holiday truce in the Gran Chaco conflict, until January 14.

Indian Rocket

New Delhi, Dec. 21. India's biggest single-stage rocket will be launched on Christmas Day from Bangalore by the Indian Astronomical Society. It was announced today. The 108-pound rocket is 13 feet long with a diameter of four inches—U.P.1.

Suspect Arrested

A man was arrested following the theft of cash and a jacket valued at \$99.15 from No. 61A, Connaught Road Central, ground floor yesterday morning.

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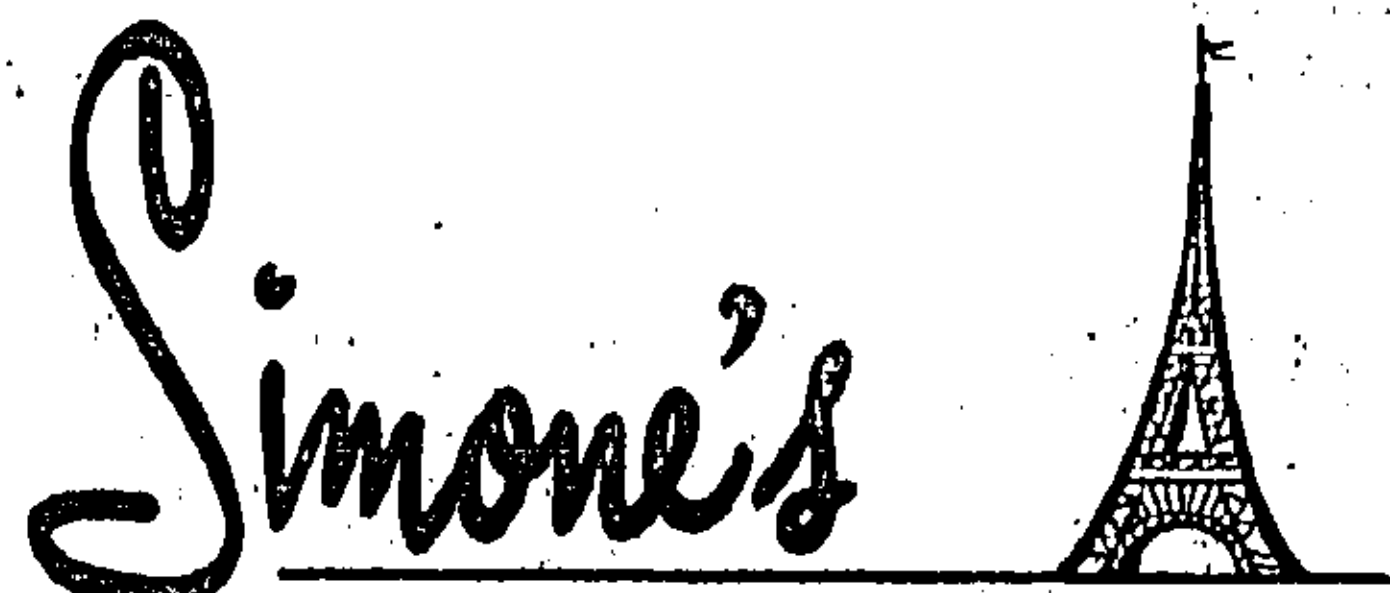
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